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BIRTHS.

CLARK—December 28, 1927, at Carnabane, Upperlands, to Mr. and Mrs. George Clark, a daughter.

CRAWFORD—December 31, 1927, at Vevay House, Bray, the wife of Stuart W. K. Crawford, B.A. (born Sheelagh Garvey), of a daughter.

HALLINAN—December 29, 1927, at 25 Effra road, Rathgar, to Eileen, wife of Francis Hallinan, a daughter.

O'CALLAGHAN—On New Year's Day, in London, to Captain Denis and Mrs. O'Callaghan, 10/2 Punjab Regiment, Multan, India, a son.

POWELL—January 3, 1928, at Ivanhoe, Lansdowne road, Dublin, the wife of Ashley Powell, Ma'Adi, Egypt, of a daughter.

ROBINSON—December 24, 1927, at the Nursing Home, Salisbury, to Margaret, wife of Major T. T. H. Robinson, D.S.O., R.A.M.C., a son.

MARRIAGES.

BRAMBELL and ADGIE—December 27, 1927, at South Parade Church, Leeds, by the Rev. F. A. Cockin, M.A., assisted by the Rev. H. Motley, F. W. Rogers Brambell, B.A., Ph.D., D.Sc. (Lon.), F.R.M.S., elder son of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Brambell, Knockeader, Bray, and Margaret Lilian, eldest daughter of W. Adgie, F.C.A., and Mrs. Adgie, Wymondley, Headingley, Leeds, and grand-daughter of M. H. Foster, J.P., Wymondley Hall, Herts.

HODGSON and HICKS—December 28, 1927, at Poyntzpass Anglican Church, by the Rev. E. A. Nelson, George Austin Hodgson, of Cornwall, Canada, to Annie J. Hicks, Bert, Athy, County Kildare. Montreal papers copy.

LAVERY and ORMSBY—December 27, 1927, at St. Mary's, Haddington road, with Nuptial Mass and Papal Benediction, by the Rev. John Hooke, Cecil Lavery, son of Patrick and Mrs. Lavery, Armagh, to Louisa Mary, daughter of the late Arthur Ormsby and Mrs. Ormsby, 53 Lansdowne road.

MOLONY and RYAN—December 21, 1927, at St. Andrew's, Westland Row, by Rev. William Burke, C.C., Walter Hugh Molony, Barrister-at-Law, youngest son of Dr. P. B. Molony and the late Mrs. Molony, Cappamore, County Limerick, to Mary (May), daughter of John and Mrs. Ryan, 2 St. John's Villas, Limerick. No cards.

ORR and SMITH—December 27, 1927, at Ballymote Presbyterian Church, by the Rev. G. McCahon, M.A., James F. Orr, of Roselin, Lisdoogan, Ballymote, son of William Orr and Mrs. Orr, of Grayfield, to Margory Jane (Dotie), daughter of Christopher Smith, J.P., and Mrs. Smith, Ballymote.

DEATHS.

ANNOUNCEMENTS received late for insertion in this column will be found on Page 6.

CLEARY—January 3, 1928, at Mount Pleasant avenue, Ballinasloe, Kate, widow of late William Cleary, Annaghbeg. Funeral at 12 noon to-morrow (Thursday) to Ahascragh.

DANE—September 29, 1927, at Paramatta, New South Wales, Australia, the Rev. Benjamin Friel Foster Dane, only surviving son of the late William Auchinleck Dane, of Killyreagh, Enniskillen.

DICKSON—January 2, 1928, at 9 Winton road, Dublin, in his eighty-ninth year, John Mitchel Dickson, last surviving son of the late Robert Dickson, M.D., of Tullycairne, Co. Down.

DOYLE—On New Year's Day, 1928, at her residence, Frankfort, Greystones, Hannah, widow of the late John Francis Doyle, in her 78th year. "Peace, perfect peace." Funeral to-day (Wednesday) at 2.30 to Redford Cemetery.

DOYLE—January 3, 1928, at his residence, The Grange, Lucan, Peter, eldest son of the late Timothy and Ellen Doyle. R.I.P. Funeral from above address at 2 p.m. to-morrow (Thursday) for family burial ground, Esker.

FOGARTY—January 3, 1928, at his residence, 1 Devon Place, Galway, William George Fogarty, Secretary, Galway County Council. R.I.P. Remains will be removed to St. Joseph's Church this (Wednesday) evening at 6 o'clock. Solemn Requiem High Mass at St. Joseph's Church at 10 o'clock to-morrow (Thursday) morning. Funeral afterwards to family burial ground, New Cemetery, Prospect Hill.

HASKINS—January 1, 1928, at the Rectory, Kilvemnon, Mullinahone, County Tipperary, Muriel Annesley, daughter of Thomas F. Haskins, Agent, Bank of Ireland (retired).

JOHNSON—January 1, 1928, at Dalkey, County Dublin, Frances, second daughter of the late Samuel and Marianne Johnson, Brookville, County Wexford. Interment at Wicklow Cemetery. Funeral private.

MACRORY—January 2, 1928, at his residence, Dunmurry House, Dunmurry, County Antrim, George C. Macrory. Funeral private.

MAYO—The funeral of the Earl of Mayo will take place from St. John's Church, Kill, County Kildare, to-morrow (Thursday), January 5th, at 12.15.

NELSON—January 3, 1928, at her residence, 4 Eglinton terrace, Ranelagh road, Dublin, Elizabeth Jane, widow of Edward Nelson, in her 93rd year. Funeral private.

RICHARDS—January 2, 1928, at Tivoli terrace, Wexford, Frances Alice, beloved wife of Claude Richards. Funeral to Crosstown Cemetery to-day (Wednesday) at 12 o'clock. American and Australian papers please copy.

SMYTHE—January 2, 1928, at her mother's residence, Ree View, Baylough, Athlone, Gladys Muriel, darling loved elder daughter of the late Thomas Henry Smythe, Captain, Royal Fusiliers, and Rose Smythe, late Home Ville, Rathmines, aged 24. "What I do thou knowest not now, but thou shalt know hereafter."

THORP—December 31, 1927, at St. Peter's Place, Drogheda, Charlotte Elizabeth Thorp, aged 65, youngest daughter of the late Archbolt Collum, Crown Solicitor, Enniskillen, and widow of the late Rev. Ashleigh Thorp, Rector of Annaghmore, County Armagh. Interred at St. Peter's, Drogheda, yesterday (Tuesday), January 3rd.

WALLACE—January 3, 1928, Christopher Wallace, Dublin. Deeply regretted by his sorrowing wife, mother, brother, sisters, and friends. Funeral (private) to-morrow (Thursday) morning to Mount Jerome.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

William Field, Blackrock, Dublin, thanks all friends for sympathy in his recent bereavement.

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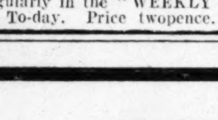
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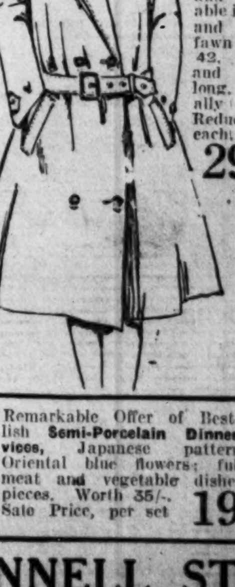
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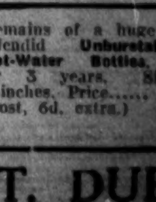
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LOST, Diamond Shamrock safety Brooch. Reward Weir's, 96 Grafton street.

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SITUATIONS VACANT.

APPRENTICE Carpenter Wanted. Qualifications and particulars to Q 955, this office. 2 C

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AN All-Powerful Four-Valve Wireless Circuit—See the "Weekly Irish Times" to-day. Price twopence. 3 F

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BASS Voice Wanted for Monkstown Parish Church Choir. Particulars on application (by writing) to Mr. B. Warburton Rooke, Mus.B., Seafield Cottage, Monkstown, Co. Dublin. 3 X

CUTTER required, with first class experience and knowledge of factory system.—Sabin Clothing Co., Ltd., 38 Great Strand street, Dublin. 30 C

CHIEF Clerk Male, required for Public Works Contractor's Office. Apply, giving age, experience, copies testimonials, salary required, Q 874, this office. 2 F

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DRAPERY—Wanted, smart, capable young Lady, six to eight years' experience, good appearance and address, for Ladies' and Gentlemen's Hosiery and Manchester Departments, good window dresser and sales lady; Protestant; state experience, copy reference, and salary, outdoor. Address "Z 4338, Lady," this office. 3 D

DRESSMAKING—Wanted, to take charge of Workroom in country town, near Belfast, young Lady, with good experience, thoroughly competent; must be a good cutter and fitter. Apply, stating experience and salary expected (outdoor), to "Z 4213, Dressmaking," this office. 29 X

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GOOD Home, country rectory, with small remuneration, offered to Lady (middle-aged preferred), in return for light duties and help with baby aged five months; maid kept. Address "Z 4332, Home," this office. 3 E

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IF you are choosing a Career you should read the Students' Page in the "Weekly Irish Times" to-day. Price twopence. 3 F

MILLINERY and Ladies' Outfitting—Wanted, experienced Saleswoman (Protestant), country town; state salary indoor. Address "Z 4308, Saleswoman," this office. 8 3

NORTH Circular road—Advertisements for this Paper received by Mr. Lonergan, Newsagent and Confectioner, Ye Olde Tolle House, Phoenix Park Gate, North Circular road. X

PUPIL for Poultry Farm (male) Wanted; tuition free, all branches. Particulars, Q 934, this office. 2 C

REFINED, young, R.C. Girl Wanted as Useful Help to small family, one child four years, seaside town, Co. Donegal; good knowledge of all household duties essential; no maid kept, but all help given. Address, with full particulars, to "Z 4296, Help," this office. 2 C

RESPECTABLE Country Girl, farmer's daughter, Protestant, refined, keep house; plain cooking; must be early riser; state wages.—Q 955, this office. 2 C

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WANTED, reliable Man as Foreman, in city Stores. Reply, stating age, wages expected, and enclosing references, to Q 754, this office. 30 C

WANTED, thoroughly practical Fitter and Erector, accustomed to heavy weighbridge work; no other need apply. Write full particulars, age, wages required, and where last employed, to Q 806, this office. 30 C

WANTED, Linotype Operator, capable, sober, for Provincial Weekly; state experience, output, wages expected, references. Address "Z 4287, Operator," this office. 2 C

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1925 FIAT Saloon for Sale, cost £450, mileage only 9,015, absolutely perfect condition, owner driven; £195, no offers. Telephone Dublin 2846 for particulars. 30 C

1926 CITROEN (De Luxe) Tourer, taxed end March, mileage 3,000, practically new, owner driven; trial; bargain.—Grogan, Fairview avenue. 1 1

1927 FIAT Car for Sale, mileage 5,051, two spare wheels, leather upholstery, £250.—Q 1068, this office. 3 F

WANTED.

WANTED, Two Seater; state price, which must be small, and year.—Q 776, this office. 30 C

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4/5 DENNIS Lorry, Lucas lighting, tax £45; two Ford Trucks, special large bodies, tax £16, all P.M.O.; any trial; first reasonable offer. Address "Z 4268, Lorry," this office. 31 D

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PRIVATE Lock-Up Garage to Let, every convenience.—J. W. Paine, Dartmouth road. 30 D

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WANTED, young Lady for Boots and Readymades; none but those with knowledge of boots need apply; copy reference, stating lowest salary indoor. Address "Z 4257, Lady," this office. 30 C

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WANTED, competent Salesman for Hardware and House Furnishing; state salary (indoor). Address "Z 4273, Salesman," this office. 31 D

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WANTED, Office Girl (beginner) for city Office; 7/- weekly.—Q 1000, this office.

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WANTED, by a Grafton street firm, young Lady, with business experience, to act as Saleswoman; must be of good appearance and address. Apply, stating age and where previously employed, to Q 1048, this office. 3 F

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LADY seeks Working Partner with small capital to run School of Art in country; comfortable home; every branch of art taught; good income assured. Address "Z 4344, Partner," this office.

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£5 TO £500 Advanced Privately on approved personal security of borrowers at an extremely low rate of interest; loan can be repaid by small instalments to suit. Call or write for particulars, S. Freeman and Co., 1 Garfield street, Belfast. T

£8,000 TO Lend on Mortgage, from £200 upwards, on approved security.—Q 1043, this office. 3 F

LEGAL APPOINTMENTS.

SOLICITOR

WANTED, for Firm of Solicitors, MANAGING CLERK. Must be a Qualified Solicitor and have experience in Conveyancing, Probate, High Court Work, etc. Apply, in confidence, stating experience, salary, etc., to ATKINSON AND BOYD, Chartered Accountants, 5 BEDFORD STREET, BELFAST.

MALE Stenographer, Law Clerk, 2½ years' experience below, conversant with Court practices, seeks appointment. Address "Z 4313, Clerk," this office

SOLICITOR having Court experience Wanted, Manage country Office; good salary and prospects if suitable; state all particulars.—Q 794, this office. 30 C

SOLICITOR, competent Court and Office Man, wants position. Address "Z 4316, Solicitor," this office. 3 F

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OPENING CHAPTERS OF A GREAT NEW SERIAL

By KATHARINE TYNAN

IN THE

Weekly Irish Times

TODAY.

PRICES OF BRITISH FOODSTUFFS.

THREE MONTHS' FORECAST

THE TRADE IN CATTLE.

The following forecast of the prices of foodstuffs in Great Britain for the next three months has been specially compiled by Mr. R. Borlase Matthews, A.M.I.C.E., M.I.E.E., F.R.Ae.S., copyright reserved. These forecasts are prepared on scientific lines, and, while they are not infallible, they are claimed to have been consistently correct for a period of over two years:—

GRAIN AND FEEDINGSTUFF.

Wheat (British)—Average per cwt.—October, 10s. 11d.; November, 10s. 8d.; December, 10s. 4d. Trend—January, slight rise; February, steady; March, steady.

Wheat (Canadian)—Average per cwt.—October, 13s. 8½d.; November, 13s. 7d.; December, 13s. 3d. Trend—January, steady; February, slight rise; March, steady.

Barley (Feeding)—Average per cwt.—October, 11s. 3d.; November, 10s. 2d.; December, 9s. 1d. Trend—January, slight rise; February, steady; March, slight rise.

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Bran—Average per cwt.—October, 7s. 11d.; November, 8s. 3d.; December, 8s. 3d. Trend—January, slight rise; February, steady; March, steady.

Middlings—Average per cwt.—October, 9s.; November, 9s.; December, 8s 11d. Trend—January, slight rise; February, steady; March, steady.

Linseed Cake—Average per cwt.—October, 12s.; November, 12s. 1d.; December, 12s. 1d. Trend—January, slight rise; February, slight rise; March, steady.

Coconut Cake—Average per cwt.—October, 9s. 11d.; November, 9s. 11d.; December, 10s. Trend—January, steady; February, slight fall; March, steady.

Cotton Seed Cake—Average per cwt.—October, 7s. 3d.; November, 7s. 3d.; December, 8s. Trend—January, slight rise; February, steady; March, steady.

FARM PRODUCE.

Butter (Wholesale)—Average per lb.—October, 22d.; November, 23d.; December, 24d. Trend—January, slight rise; February, steady; March, slight fall.

Eggs (Wholesale)—Average per doz.—October, 30d.; November, 35d.; December, 32d. Trend—January, fall; February, slight fall; March, slight fall.

LIVESTOCK.

Cows (in milk)—Average each—October, £25¾; November, £25¾; December, £26½. Trend—January, steady; February, slight fall; March, slight fall.

Cows (Calvers)—Average each—October, £24; November, £24; December, £24. Trend—January, steady; February, slight fall; March, slight fall.

Stores (three-year-old)—Average each—October, £20¼; November, £20½; December, £20¼. Trend—January, steady; February, steady; March, slight rise.

Stores (two-year-old)—Average each—October, £17½; November, £17¾; December, £17¼. Trend—January, steady; February, steady; March, slight rise.

Stores (yearling)—Average, each—October, £11½; November, £11½; December, £11¼. Trend—January, steady; February, steady; March, slight rise.

Calves—Average, each—October, 60s.; November, 56s.; December, 54s. Trend—January, steady; February, steady; March, slight rise.

Pigs (8-12 weeks)—Average, each—October, 35½s.; November, 30s.; December, 29s. Trend—January, steady; February, slight rise; March, slight rise.

Pigs (12-16 weeks)—Average, each—October, 53s.; November, 43s.; December, 43s. Trend—January, steady; February, slight rise; March, slight rise.

FOOD AND FARM PRODUCTS.

The official estimate of the production of wheat in the Argentine is estimated at 129 million cwts. This is an increase of eleven million cwts. on last year's harvest. The Argentine oat crop, however, is about half a million cwt. smaller than that of last year, while the barley crop is seven million cwts. lower.

Trade in English wheat at the commencement of the month was only moderate, and prices showed a slight fall on those of November. During the month there were only moderate supplies on offer. Trade generally has been slow, and prices remain unchanged.

Inquiry for imported wheat has been quiet, and trade has been dull at slightly lower prices.

English oats have maintained a steady price, while imported descriptions met a better trade, and prices are inclined to harden.

English malting barley has been firm in price, and there is a firm inquiry for good quality samples. English feeding has shown a slight advance during the month, while imported samples met a fair demand at recent prices.

There has been a good demand for Plate maize, and prices were inclined to harden. The supply, however, is good, and there is little prospect of any appreciable advance in price.

Milling offals are a steady trade, though prices of middlings and bran will probably advance slightly during the coming month.

CATTLE, BUTTER AND EGGS.

Prime fat cattle were an excellent trade before the holiday owing to the seasonal demand, but later settled down to a steady trade.

Best lots of dairy cattle have been in steady demand, but inferior grades command little attention.

Fewer store cattle are on offer, and for these demand is still very quiet.

Only small supplies of store sheep have been on offer, and prices have shown little change during the month.

Store pigs have maintained recent prices, and values will probably harden during the coming month.

British butter has been selling at late rates, and is short in supply.

Eggs were more freely offered at the close of the month, and were cheaper.

MAN OBSESSED BY A "SPIRITUAL GUIDE"

FOUND SHOT DEAD IN HIS BEDROOM.

A strange story of a man's obsession that he could do nothing without consulting his spiritual "guide" was told at a Brighton inquest yesterday on Bertram Carnarton Webb, aged 45, of Preston road, Brighton. Webb, a single man, son of a retired tea planter, was found dead with a bullet wound in the head at his father's home on Monday morning.

It was stated that he was a very reticent man and made few friends. He became more reticent after taking up Christian Science some time ago. "After he joined this spiritual business," said his father, Edwin John Webb, "he ceased to go to concerts, etcetra, which he had previously enjoyed, saying that he had a 'guide' who would not allow him to do these things.

"He would not go to hear music, and even refused to go for rides in my car. On Sunday last, however, he heard wireless music, and expressed appreciation of the carols which were broadcast. The next morning his mother made the tragic discovery in his bedroom."

Webb, it was stated, bought a revolver when his parents went to Rome some years ago, the certificate saying that it was purchased for house protection. He had advised his parents to send some of the silver to the bank before they left, and he spoke about burglars and burglary.

The father said that he felt sure that the act must have been done on the impulse of the moment, for his son would not do anything without consulting his "guide."

A verdict of "Suicide while temporarily of unsound mind" was returned.

POTATO PRICES IN NORTHERN IRELAND.

The Northern Ireland Ministry of Agriculture announces that the prices paid by export potato merchants last week were as follows:—Up-to-date, red soil £2 15s. to £3 10s., grey soil £3 15s. to £3 5s.; Arran Victory, £2 15s. to £3 10s.; Lochar, £2 10s.; Kerr's Pink, £2 10s. to £3 15s.

DIRECT MARKETING OF PORK.

MONAGHAN FARMERS ORGANISE.

The results obtained by a few Monaghan farmers who sent pork direct to the London markets and obtained bigger prices than those received locally led to a meeting of the farmers of Monaghan at Monaghan Courthouse last Monday.

Mr. John C. Holdcroft presided, and said that the best way they could approach the new year was to consider means of putting money in their pockets, and the farmers wanted it badly to-day. They were looking forward to better times. This question of the direct marketing of pork was a burning one at the present moment. Farmers were not organised as they should be, and there should be a really live organisation of farmers in the country. It was in the hands of the farmers themselves. They should stand together on this question. What they wanted was proper prices for their produce.

A GREAT CHANCE.

Mr. Alexander Haslett, T.D., said that it was for the meeting to say what was to be done. He explained how the meeting came to be called. It was in order to see if anything practical could come out of the discussion that had taken place in the Press. The embargo on the importation of light pork to Britain from other countries gave Ireland a great chance, and there was no reason why they should not develop their pork trade and capture this important market.

Mr. Thomas Murphy, who had been responsible for the local export of pork, said that they could link up with the Irish Farmers' Union to carry this thing through. He would have been slow to ask his neighbours to embark on what might seem to be a risky business if he did not know that they had behind them the expert advice of the Free State Department of Agriculture and of the Irish Farmers' Union. The exportation of pork began in 1926. They should do the big thing and link up with those who had opened the markets for them, and who were there to help and assist them.

LEGISLATION.

He understood legislation was in contemplation by the Free State Executive that would enable farmers to have their Unions recognised as trading corporations. This would give farmers' organisations a responsibility they had never had before. They should sink all differences for a great movement for the advancement of the agricultural industry, which, as they all knew, required something to be done for it.

Mr. James Murphy pointed out that the Minister for Agriculture in the United States stated recently that the pork producer in the United States received in return for his pork 85 per cent. of the money the consumer paid for it. They all knew that the Irish producer of pork did not receive 50 per cent., nor a good deal less. One of the main reasons was because farmers were not organised.

CO-OPERATION.

On the motion of Mr. Thomas Murphy, seconded by Mr. Andrew Hall, the meeting decided unanimously to form a branch of the Irish Farmers' Union, and representatives were appointed from each district on a working committee, which is to meet in consultation with an executive officer of the Farmers' Union, and arrange for the general co-operation of farmers in the direct marketing of pork.

UPKEEP OF ARMAGH ROADS.

NEWRY BUSINESS MEN'S PROTEST.

Newry Chamber of Commerce yesterday expressed strong disapproval of the manner in which the roads in South Armagh were being maintained, particularly around Bessbrook district.

The Chamber also approved of the Coleraine Chamber's resolution that a tax should be imposed on petrol instead of on motor vehicles for the upkeep of the roads, as, in the opinion of the Chamber, such a tax would be more equitable.

HOCKEY.

THIRD LEINSTER TRIAL.

This afternoon the third of the Leinster trial games will be played at Serpentine avenue at 2.15 p.m. Only one change has been notified in the selected teams, K. Browner (Railway Union) being unable to turn out, his place going to E. E. Spence (Pembroke Wanderers).

Subsequently the Selection Committee will put together the Leinster team to meet Ulster in Belfast on Saturday, January 14th. Teams:—

WHITES—W. C. Leopold (Railway Union); E. E. Spence (Pembroke Wanderers), M. C. O'Donoghue (Railway Union); H. Buttimer (Pembroke Wanderers), C. Little (Pembroke Wanderers), L. Phillips (Kingstown G.S.); T. Browner (Railway Union), C. Sully (Railway Union) (capt.), V. Sully (Railway Union), W. D. C. Crawley (Dublin University), C. W. Cook (Kingstown G.S.).

COLOURS—J. F. Moynihan (Dublin University); K. P. McGarrigle (Dublin University), J. F. Mahony (Three Rock Rovers); R. Brown (Three Rock Rovers), H. G. C. Legge (Monkstown), A. P. Huet (Three Rock Rovers); T. Staples (Kingstown G.S.), J. Cairns (Three Rock Rovers), R. Martin (Pembroke Wanderers), M. Medcalf (Three Rock Rovers), W. E. Hennessy (Railway Union).

LEINSTER BRANCH I.H.U.

There will be a special general meeting of the Branch to-night, at 8 Merrion Row, at 7.30 o'clock. The monthly Branch Council meeting will follow.

ULSTER v. LEINSTER.

THE ULSTER XI.

The following Ulster team to play Leinster at Bladon Drive, Belfast, on Saturday, January 14th, was selected last night:—H. Greenfield (Lisnagarvey); W. M. Dicks (Cliftonville), J. T. Smith (East Antrim); R. W. Moore (Cliftonville), J. H. Harvey (Banbridge), J. MacDonald (North Down); G. N. Clarke (Antrim), W. K. Harbinson (Cambridge University), G. G. MacGregor (Lisnagarvey) (capt.), W. P. MacDonogh (East Antrim), N. Coburn (Banbridge).

ASSOCIATION.

FREE STATE JUNIOR CUP DRAW.

At a meeting of the Free State Junior Association, held last evening, the following draw was made for the second round of the Junior Cup:—

Dublin District—Richmond United v. St. Albans; R.S.P.U. v. Bohemians C; Distillery v. Lucan United; Ninian v. St. Kevin's or Midleton; B. and I. v. Midland Athletic; Melrose Celtic v. Bray Unknowns; C.B.P.P.U. v. Edenville; Chapelizod v. St. Andrew's; Glass Bottle Co. v. G.S. Railway; Richmond Asylum v. St. Paul's; North Wall Athletic v. Raheny; Tramway Athletic v. Meathville; Rock Rovers v. Stafford Celtic; Drumcondra "B" a bye.

Cork District—Rockmount or Belleville v. Burtonville or Dwyer's; Revenue Department v. St. Vincent's or Ardfallen; Orreyville or Rangers v. Glenview or Grattan United; Cork Celtic or Bohemians v. Victoria Celtic or Freebooters; Central United or Cork City v. Bridewell or Springfield; Blackrock Rovers or Southern Rovers v. Tramways or Barrackton United.

Limerick District—B.P. v. Ignatius or Dalcassians; Deutches Sports or Ardnacrusha a bye.

Waterford District—Waterford Celtic v. Tramore Celtic or Hibernians; St. Joseph's a bye.

Tipperary District—Mountain View v. Cahir Park; Clonmel Celtic or Cahir Unknowns v. Clonmel Wanderers or Clonmel United.

Clare District—O'Connell or Ennis United v. Shamrock Rovers.

Midland District—All Blacks (Mullingar) or Edenderry v. Longford Celtic; Clara a bye.

Athlone District—Emerald or Wanderers v. Hibernians or Shamrocks; Moate Town or All Blacks v. Central Athletic or Abbeyville.

Dundalk District—Norton Villa v. Carroll's Athletic or Shelbourne; St. Malachy's or Sandymount Rovers v. Crusaders; Dee United or Carrick Rovers v. Bohemians.

Drogheda District—United Blues or Drogheda United v. C. of I. or Commercial Rovers; Railway Athletic v. Drogheda Celtic.

Galway District—Rovers v. Town; Rangers or Celtic a bye.

Sligo District—Boyle Wanderers or Sligo Town v. Blues; Stars or Glenview v. Trades or Celtic.

Wexford District—Ramblers v. Hibernians.

Matches to be played on or before 16th January.

LEAGUE RESULTS.

ENGLISH LEAGUE—III. (NORTH).

	Goals		Goals
Rochdale	0	Bradford	4

SCOTTISH LEAGUE—I.

Clyde	1	St. Johnstone	0
Dundee	3	Ra'ness	2
Dunfermline Athletic	2	Heart of Midlothian	3
Falkirk	2	Motherwell	1
Hamilton Academicals	0	Airdrieonians	3
Hibernians	0	Aberdeen	0
Kilmarnock	2	Cowdenbeath	1
Queen's Park	1	Celtic	3
Raith Rovers	1	St. Mirren	2
Glasgow Rangers	2	Partick Thistle	1

HANDBALL.

THE D.M.G. CHAMPIONSHIP.

The D.M.G. Intermediate Singles Championship was begun yesterday at the Castle. G. Hollywood (Detective Branch) beat M. Quinn (C Division), after the full rubber of five games had been played, by the odd game; and J. Cahill (B Division) beat T. Spillane (B Division) by 3-0.

Play will be continued during the week.

CRICKET.

SECOND TEST MATCH IN SOUTH AFRICA.

R. E. S. WYATT'S FIVE "LIVES."

CAPE TOWN, Tuesday.

Continuing their second innings of the second Test Match, England occupied the wicket for the whole day, and advanced their score from 220 for 1 to 412 for 8, Sutcliffe making 99, Tyldesley 87, and R. E. S. Wyatt 76 not out. Their defeat, even should the innings close at to-day's score, would seem, therefore, to be out of the question, as South Africa are now 295 runs in arrears.

South Africans to-day had their first taste of genuine modern Test cricket, and they found it very unpalatable, particularly as it followed so closely on the feast provided by Holmes and Sutcliffe yesterday. The crowd of 3,000 were utterly wearied by a day's play in which the batsmen reduced themselves to mere automatons, whose sole purpose appeared to be the passive interception of the ball. The crowd and critics would have liked to have seen more regard paid to the oft-proved fact that attack is the best defence, so that a winning position could have been gained before the close of play, and the possibility of an indecisive finish, which is gradually becoming a strong probability, could have been entirely eliminated.

On an easy wicket to-day only 192 runs were made off bowlers whose hearts must have been nigh to breaking towards the close of the afternoon.

Wyatt atoned somewhat for the dullness of the earlier play by finishing off the day with an amusing little innings, in which he hoodwinked the keyed-up fieldsmen and bowlers, who closed in around him in the hope of snatching the last two wickets before stumps were drawn. Coming out of his shell suddenly he scattered the field by slamming the ball hard at them, but he usually only got a couple for these efforts. He enjoyed a great amount of uck in scoring his 76 not out, being dropped at least five times, two of which chances occurred when he was in the twenties. On this score South Africa has much to reproach herself, as the summary dismissal of these last two batsmen would have kept the English lead within reach. Now, however, the scoring of at least 300 runs to-morrow is likely to prove beyond them.

RAIN AT NIGHT.

There had been a heavy downpour during the night, but the wicket had been covered, and, aided by the hard top-dressing of special soil used with Durban turf in its construction, it was drying rapidly, and play was eventually begun at ten minutes past twelve. Assisted by the slight south-easterly breeze, Bissett took the opening over with a new ball. He found the run up to the wicket rather slippery, and sawdust was sprinkled on the ground to help him obtain a foothold.

The batsmen found considerable difficulty in placing their strokes for runs, and the opening stages were very uninteresting. The first incident of the day came when Sutcliffe, wanting only one run for his century, broke his bat in making a stroke, and had to call for a new one from the pavilion. In the very next over, and before he had completed his century, he was out in a most unlucky manner, playing a ball from Bissett on to his wicket. He batted nearly three hours and hit eight 4's.

Coming on at 269 in place of Vincent, Promnitz struck a bad patch, and Hammond, who had been playing purely defensive cricket, sent a long-hop skimming to the boundary, and then pulled a full toss from the same bowler with exhilarating power—only to be caught by Palm. His total of 14, scored by very tedious cricket, with only an occasional glimpse of his real ability, came as a great disappointment to the crowd. The score was 278 when Hammond left, and Stevens came in to partner Tyldesley. Bissett took the ball from Nupen, and in his first over he had the satisfaction of sending Stevens back, Morkel at first slip making a wonderful jump and hanging on to the ball while rolling over on the ground. The fourth wicket fell at 292.

BOWLERS DEFIED.

All Deane's efforts to dislodge Tyldesley were unavailing. He brought on bowler after bowler, changed each one to the opposite end, but the Lancastrian would not be tempted, and all hope of getting him out was abandoned. After 300 had been signalled in 4¾ hours Nupen came on and tried the leg theory. He almost beguiled Wyatt into putting up a catch to Promnitz at short fine leg, but apart from this there was nothing in the cricket worth noting.

However, on relieving Morkel at 317 Promnitz found a length and enticed Tyldesley into attempting a leg hit off a straight ball. The slight turn deceived the batsman, and he was out leg before wicket, having given one of the dourest displays ever seen at Newlands. He batted in all nearly 3½ hours and scored his 87 out of 186, being fifth out at 326. He was a model of patience all through, and his infrequent scoring strokes were strictly orthodox. He hit seven boundaries.

Astill joined Wyatt, and apart from a couple of pretty edging strokes through the slips by Astill there were very few strokes that brought runs.

TEA.

When the tea interval was taken at 339 for five, Wyatt had been at the wickets 77 minutes for 17 runs. Bissett and Promnitz after tea bowled respectively one and two maiden overs, and the monotony of the game began to tell on the crowd. Facing Vincent Wyatt was twice missed in the slips, and then after he had indulged in a cover drive off Promnitz he was dropped by Commaille in the outfield. Yet a fourth life was given him in Vincent's next over, Cameron being the fieldsman.

Vincent at this period was very dangerous, as he had the wind behind him and was breaking both ways. Astill was batting twenty-five minutes after tea before he added to his score with a single, which was ironically cheered by the crowd. The barracking was general amongst the spectators, this being the first time the Newlands crowd have been guilty of it on such an extensive scale. They were interrupted, however, by the fall of Astill's wicket. Cameron atoning for his mistake against Wyatt by snapping up a catch very smartly at 348.

3 FOR 21.

Stanyforth paid a brief visit to the crease, his dismissal occurring at 350 when his obvious discomfort was relieved by Vincent hitting his stumps. Geary, who took his captain's place, met with an exactly similar fate at 360, three wickets having fallen in the space of an hour for the addition of only 21 runs.

With Peebles in Wyatt tried to get as much of the bowling as possible. The Middlesex amateur backed his partner up well, and smart running materially assisted the rate of scoring. Peebles should have been caught when 3, and had the bowlers hit the stumps with every ball they beat the batsmen with both Wyatt and Peebles would have been out several times. Peebles was almost run out at 399, and then Wyatt stole a single to hoist the 400, the result of six hours and 40 minutes' batting.

Wyatt, meanwhile, had completed 50 in two hours and forty minutes, but when 69 he was lucky to escape being caught for the fifth time. Peebles kept up his end gallantly by effective, if unorthodox, pat-strokes, and the pair played out time, stumps being drawn at 412 for 8. Score:—

ENGLAND.

First Innings.		Second Innings.	
Sutcliffe c Nupen b Bissett	29	b Bissett	99
Holmes b Bissett	9	c Vincent b Nupen	88
Tyldesley b Bissett	0	l.b.w. b Promnitz	87
Hammond l.b.w. b Morkel	43	c Palm b Promnitz	14
G. T. S. Stevens c Cameron b Bissett	0	c Morkel b Bissett	2
R. E. S. Wyatt l.b.w. b Bissett	2	not out	76
Astill l.b.w. b Vincent	25	c Cameron b Vincent	9
Capt. R. T. Stanyforth b Vincent	4	b Vincent	1
Geary l.b.w. b Vincent	0	b Vincent	1
I. A. R. Peebles not out	3	not out	6
Freeman st Cameron b Vincent	7		
Extras	11	Extras	29
Total	133	Total (8 wkts.)	412

SOUTH AFRICA—First Innings.

J. M. Commaille l.b.w. b Freeman	13	H. G. Deane c Stanyforth b Hammond	41
H. W. Taylor hit wkt. b Freeman	68	C. L. Vincent b Astill	13
H. B. Cameron c Geary b Stevens	19	E. P. Nupen not out	39
R. H. Catterall b Hammond	9	G. F. Bissett b Hammond	3
D. Morkel b Freeman	36	H. Promnitz run out	3
A. W. Palm c Stevens b Freeman	2	Extras	4
		Total	250

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

ENGLAND—First Innings.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Bissett	17	5	37	5
Morkel	9	3	20	1
Vincent	15.1	4	22	4
Nupen	3	0	10	0
Promnitz	15	5	33	0

SOUTH AFRICA—First Innings.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Geary	23	2	50	0
Hammond	17	4	53	3
Freeman	29	12	58	4
Stevens	10	1	26	1
Peebles	14	3	27	0
Astill	8	0	32	1

PRODUCE AND FOOD MARKETS.

CATTLE.

CAMBRIDGE.—Beasts, 95—Beef, best, 12/- to 12/6; seconds, 11/- to 12/-. Sheep, 417—Mutton, 9/- to 10/-. Pigs, 1,016—Pork, to 14/-. Calves, 81. Fat beasts—Small supply, and demand keen. Store beasts—Very few shown. Fat sheep—Good average numbers to hand, and business better. Fat pigs—A large entry, and higher prices were made throughout. Store pigs—A good trade.

MANCHESTER PIG AND SALFORD CATTLE.—These markets remain closed under foot-and-mouth disease restrictions. Irish cattle, pigs and north country sheep and lambs coming forward, but these can only be moved under licence. A further outbreak reported at Rochdale, near Manchester, yesterday, and "stand still" order expected in this district in consequence. Prices for all classes of stock nominal.

LEEDS.—There was no cattle market yesterday.

GRAIN

DUBLIN CORN.—Market, with merely a nominal attendance, uninteresting and featureless, so far as business was concerned.

FLOATING GRAIN CARGOES—BALTIC.—WHEAT—A firm tone prevailed in the floating and forward cargo section, sellers being more reserved, and mostly required 3d. per qr. advance, while a moderate inquiry existed. White Pacific Dec. and Jan. sellers 49/9, No. 3 Northern Manitoba (Pacific shipment) afloat, also Jan., 50/9, No. 4 ditto Jan. 47/3, Rosafe 64lb. Jan. 49/6, Barusso 64lb. Feb. 49/3, and West Australian loading, 52/3. Parcels in better request and market firmer; No. 3 Northern Manitoba afloat second half Jan., also first half Feb., sold 50/1½, and West Australian arrived to Hull at 51/- per 480lb. MAIZE—Cargoes firmer and sellers more reserved; Plate steamers loading, also Jan.-Feb., sellers 36/3, Feb. 36/6, April 33/6, May 32/6, June 32/-. Parcels also firmer with business in Plate Jan.-Feb. at 36/- per 480lb. BARLEY steady, but inactive. Parcels of Karachi Dec. sellers 39/3, Persian Jan. 35/9, Algerian-Tunisian Dec.-Jan. 35/6, Moroccan Dec. 35/-, and River Plate 65 kilos Jan.-Feb. 36/6 per 400lb. OATS quietly steady; Plate f.a.q. early Jan. quoted 25/3, Jan. 24/9, Jan.-Feb. 24/6; Chilian Jan.-Feb. 26/6 and Feb.-March 25/3 per 320lb.

LIVERPOOL.—WHEAT—American and Argentine markets improved during the holidays here, and forward deliveries of wheat showed a liberal advance at the outset, and a firm feeling prevailed for some time owing to a demand for c.i.f. parcels, but afternoon cables had an adverse effect, and final prices were under best point. C.i.f. parcels wheat No. 3 Manitoba 15th January sold at 49/10½, No. 3 tough same position 48/3, No. 4 Manitoba Vancouver afloat 47/-, No. 4 tough 15th January 44/7½, Rosario Santa Fe 62½lbs. due 49/4½, and soft white Pacific Jan. 49/- per qr. C.i.f. parcels MAIZE River Plate afloat sold at 34/10½, Jan.-Feb. and Feb.-March 35/9 per qr. Wheat on the spot quietly steady. Maize—Spot parcels steady, at 7/7 to 7/7½ per cental for River Plate. FLOUR unchanged; official price straightrun 38/6 per 280lbs., ex mill. Graded wheat futures opened ½d. to ⅞d. per cental dearer, fluctuated slightly, closing under best, though ½d. to ⅞d. over Saturday. River Plate maize options closed ½d. to ¾d. per cental dearer.

PROVISIONS.

LIVERPOOL.—BACON—There is a fair inquiry for Irish, Continentals and Canadian long sides at the recent advance, and holders offer sparingly. American selections rule quiet, but no further decline in values reported. HAMS quiet, and short cut partially 1/- lower at 102/- to 107/- per cwt. Shoulders ruled quietly steady. LARD on the spot shows no change in the absence of the usual cables, late prices being repeated for both prime steam and American refined. CHEESE firm, and with a moderate inquiry at late rates. BUTTER firm, and dearer all round. Danish raised to 186/- to 190/-, New Zealand 168/- to 172/-, Siberian 155/- to 160/- per cwt. EGGS scarce and firm at 25/- to 27/- per 120 for Irish fresh hen.

MANCHESTER—BUTTER—Shipments of Danish and Swedish, not including Gothenburg, for the week ended December 31st totalled 24,967 casks (increase 1,002 casks). Market opened firm, with available supplies on spot practically cleared. Choicest qualities quoted—Danish 188/- to 190/-, Swedish 178/- to 182/-, Finnish 178/- to 182/-, New Zealand 168/- to 170/-. BACON—Shipments of Danish and Swedish 16,224 bales (increase 2,404 bales). Holders of both Irish and Danish showed no disposition to press for business, and there was a firm tone to note generally. General quotations—Irish 86/- to 90/-, North of Ireland rolls 90/- to 96/-, according to weight and cure; Danish 86/- to 90/-, Swedish 78/- to 84/-, Dutch 78/- to 83/-. LARD steady and in rather small compass; English refined 68/- boxes wholesale; American 64/- to 64/6 according to brand. CHEESE—Holidays still interfere with business, but finest Cheshire and Lancashire scarce and nominal. Colonial dearer; fancy Canadian 103/- to 104/-, finest 101/- to 103/-, late makes 98/- to 99/-; New Zealand 98/- to 99/-. EGGS—Shipments of Danish and Swedish, 2,866 cases (decrease 87 cases). Market very firm on short supplies. Irish extra selected 26/6, selected 25/6, mediums 23/-, ducks 23/-; English new laid 27/-, Chinese 14/-, Egyptian 8/6, Danish 18lb. 27/-, 17lb. 26/-, 15½lb. 25/-; Russians 15/- to 16/-.

DUBLIN FRUIT AND VEGETABLE.—Seasonable imported fruits, etc., in good supply, but experience a slow market; oranges, apples, pears, grapes, etc., on importers' stock-lists unchanged. Pineapples 4/- to 6/- each, asparagus 14/- to 16/- per bundle, Irish apples 1/- to 2/6 per tray, 3/- to 5/- per keg, 10/- to 15/-, and extras 20/- to 22/6 per barrel. Vegetables in fair supply, but quiet trade. Celery clearing better; weather against cauliflowers, and a good deal of bad sorts coming on market. Swede turnips and mangolds scarce and wanted; the latter was a new trade by auction yesterday morning and appear to be accommodating to dairymen. Swede turnips 1/10 to 2/- and 2/2 per cwt.; mangolds topped biggest price touched here yet—viz., 1/9 to 2/- to 2/1 per cwt., cauliflowers 1/9 to 2/6 and 3/6 per dozen, sprouts 6/- to 6/9 per half-bushel, 3/9 to 4/6 per float; York cabbage 20/- to 35/- and 42/- per load, Savoys 12/- to 18/-, 25/-, and extra loads 37/-; table celery 3/6 to 5/6 per dozen, other sorts 1/- to 2/6; white turnips 4d. to 6d. per bundle, jellies 6d.; parsley 1/- to 2/- per tray, etc., 4/- to 5/- per bag; carrots 1/6 to 2/- per dozen bundles, and 4/- to 6/6 per bag; parsnips 1/4 to 1/6 per dozen bundles, and 3/- to 5/- per bag, leeks 2/- per dozen bunches, beet 1/6 to 2/- per dozen, spinach 1/- per tray, artichokes 2/6 to 3/- per float, thyme 2d. to 3d. per bunch.

DUBLIN POTATO.—Supplies of potatoes continue plentiful enough, but with a poor proportion of choice table qualities; trade dull. City prices 5/- to 5/3 and 5/6 per cwt. for selected classes; bulk quantities, ex rail, etc., £4 5/- to £4 17/6 per ton.

DUBLIN POULTRY AND GAME.—Supplies of poultry here continue liberal. For choice quality, well-handled dead goods and the right class of live birds trade was active and firm, but poor and off-season sorts irregular. Wild-fowl plentiful, and values wide, according to condition, etc. Choice chickens 1/- to 1/3 per lb., others 9d. to 10d.; prime fat young hens 2/6 to 3/6 each, others 1/6 to 2/-; turkeys 1/- to 1/4 per lb., according to character; fat geese 7d. to 8d. per lb., fat young ducks 3/6 to 4/6, mediums 2/6 to 3/-, others 1/6 to 2/6, old 1/- to 1/6; hares 1/6 to 1/9, rabbits 1/4 to 1/7 each.

DUBLIN BUTTER AND EGG.—Market in both sections for farm produce opens the week with pronounced firmness. The cross-Channel position for Colonial and Danish butter reflects a dearer tendency. Irish creams of fresh sweet class scarce; most of what is coming to hand is tainted with feeding flavour. Trade shows rather freer tone. Fine Irish creams 1/6½ to 1/6¾, medium 1/6, others 1/5¼ to 1/5½; Danish 1/7½ to 1/8, and occasionally 1/8¼; New Zealand 1/6½ to 1/6¾, Australian 1/6, fine factories 1/5 to 1/5½, ordinary 1/3½ to 1/4 per lb. Egg market is in rather doubtful mood, but at least temporarily firm owing to scarcity of fresh arrivals due to frozen and otherwise difficult state of country for collection. Selected case arrivals of hen eggs 25/- to 26/6, extra selected retail parcels 27/- to 27/6 and 28/- per 120; medium 23/- to 24/- and seconds 20/- to 21/6. Duck eggs scarce and wanted; prices 22/- to 23/- and 24/- per 120.

CORK BUTTER.—Steady market; values firm. Creameries 169/- to 173/- per cwt., choicest salted 170/- upwards.

DUBLIN FISH.—Fair supply of country and local fish on market. Deliveries included 4 chests of lobsters, 128 boxes of stuff from two steam trawls and 100 boxes of herrings; trade good. First pick lobsters averaged 25/- to 35/- per 13, seconds 15/- to 20/-, others 10/- to 12/6 per lot; turbot 1/- to 16/-, brill 6d. to 4/- each; best soles 35/- to 45/- and 50/- per 8 and 9 pairs; mediums 20/- to 30/-, slips 10/- to 12/6 per lot; half-boxes of plaice 40/- to 120/-, white soles 40/- to 50/-, whiting 12/6 to 40/-, codfish 50/- to 75/-, haddocks 30/- to 65/-, pollock 20/- to 30/-, ling 20/- to 30/-, conger eels 20/- to 30/-, ray 12/6 to 35/-, herrings 10/- to 16/- and 17/5.

BILLINGSGATE FISH.—Fair supplies; fair demand. Soles 13d. to 18d., slips 10d. to 13d., lobsters 27d. to 39d. per lb., live eels 10/- to 25/-, dead 10/- to 20/- per draught, turbot 15/- to 20/-, brill 10/- to 14/-, plaice 9/- to 12/-, halibut 15/- to 18/-, lemon soles 11/- to 14/-, cod 4/- to 6/-, whiting 3/6 to 5/-, hake 9/- to 12/-, skate 5/- to 7/-, haddocks 4/- to 7/- per stone.

MANCHESTER DEAD MEAT.—Home-killed beef: sides 6½d. to 8d.; mutton, best hogs 10d. to 11d., lambs 11d. to 1/1, ewes 7½d., porkers around 1/-. Chilled beef—Hindquarters 5¾d. to 6½d., forequarters 4d. to 4½d.; frozen beef—hindquarters 4½d. to 5d., forequarters 3½d. to 4d., mutton wethers 5½d. to 6½d., ewes 5d. to 5½d., lambs 6d. to 9½d.

PRODUCE.

LONDON.—SUGAR—Spot parcels firm, with a moderate inquiry. Quantities of home-grown granulated became gradually lessened, and now ranges from 29/3 to 29/6, as to factory, prompt delivery. Imported firm, and sparingly offered. Raws firm. White terminal steady; January sold 16/3 to 16/7½, May 16/10½, August 17/3, October-December 16/9½. COFFEE—Business of a holiday character, and prices unaltered. COCOA—Accra January-March quoted 55/- f.o.b. RICE—Market slow, and general position nominal. Beans and peas quietly steady. SPICE—Pepper market steady. Muntok January-March quoted 1/10, Lampong January-March sold 1/8, and March-May held for 1/4½. JUTE firmer, with buying orders in the market on Calcutta account. Firsts January-February quoted £33, February-March sold £32 10, March-April sellers £33, lightnings December-January sold £27/5, January-February £27 7/6. HEMP—Manila dull, unaltered. Receipts last week 24,000 bales. SHELLAC quiet, fair. T.N. spot 255/-, March sold 225/-, May 212/-. COPRA in fair request, and firm. Straits sundried January-February Rotterdam sold £28 15/-. PALM KERNELS January-February Liverpool £21 5/-.

RUBBER—Market quietly steady. Sheet spot and January sold 1/8, March buyers 1/8½, April-June sold 1/8¾. London stocks 190 tons down on the week. TEA—In auction some 24,531 packages Ceylon were offered, and met with fair competition, but irregularity ensued at times. Pekoe sold 1/5 to 1/10½, broken ditto 1/5½ to 1/11, orange 1/7 to 2/2, broken ditto 1/6½ to 2/1 per lb. in bond. OILS—Linseed steadier. Spot quoted 28/-, January 26/10½, January-April sold 27/-, May-August quoted 28/1½, September-December 28/9. Rape steady. Crude spot 44/-, refined 46/-. Cotton maintained. Crude Egyptian spot 37/6, common edible 42/-, deodorised 44/-. Coconut dull. Ceylon spot pipes 44/-, January-February shipment, in usual packages, 41/9, ditto drums 41/-. Turpentine firmer. American spot 39/9, February-April 40/9, special settlement prices, February to April, 40/6 per cwt. OILSEEDS—Linseed market quiet, but Plate descriptions more reservedly offered, and the turn dearer. Calcutta to London December-January quoted £17, Plate to Hull £15 12/6 to £15 13/9, December-January £15, January-February £14 16/3, February-March £14 15/-. Rapeseed steady. Toria to Hull-Continent December-January £20. Cottonseed firmly held. Egyptian black to Hull January sellers £12 3/9, February £12 3/9, with white sorts at 10/- per ton less money. Bombay January-February, also February-March, £8 16/3. Groundnuts firmer. Coromandel-machined December-January sellers £21 7/6, January-February, also February-March, £21 6/3, bold Bombay December-January £20 17/6 per ton.

LIVERPOOL AGRICULTURAL PRODUCE.—Only a small supply of farm produce was offered at yesterday's market, and this met with a good demand. Potatoes—Great Scotts 4/- to 4/6, Kerr's pink 4/- to 4/6, King Edward's Lincoln 7/6, Irish red soil 6/- per cwt.; Savoys 1/3 to 1/9 per dozen; celery 2/- to 2/6 per dozen heads; rhubarb (forced) 2/6 to 3/- per dozen bunches; carrots, washed 10/- to 11/-, unwashed 10/-; swede turnips 3/- to 3/6, parsnips 10/- per cwt.; onions, Spanish 4 and 5, 13/6 to 15/- per box 120lbs., Dutch 12/- to 13/-, pickling 10/- per cwt.; leeks 1/6, mint 2/-, sage 1/- per dozen bunches; beetroots 6/- per hamper; Brussels sprouts 12/- per basket of 40lbs.

LIVERPOOL SUGAR.—Tate and Lyle's quotations:—Crystals—No. 1, 32/-; small No. 1, 31/6; No. 2, 30/3; bright, 30/1½. Granulated—Standard, 30/-; H.T.S., 30/1½; coarse, 30/4½; fine, 30/4½, ex refinery Liverpool, less 1½ p.c. discount. Cubes, ex refinery London, less 1½ p.c. discount—1st quality, 32/9; H.T.S. 32/6; afternoon tea, 33/-.

CLYDE CRUSHED SUGAR.—The market opened with a very firm tone, and quotations rather dearer. Home refined prices were all advanced on Monday by 3d.

MISCELLANEOUS.

LIVERPOOL COTTON.—American futures eased slightly at first, but prices later in the morning improved owing to the good demand for spot cotton. In the afternoon, however, values fell on lower New York cables, and the market closed barely steady. Sales, 10,000 bales (exports, 200). American futures—Tendency barely steady. January 10.47d. (dec. .11d.), February 10.45d. (dec. .11d.), March 10.48d. (dec. .10d.), April 10.44d. (dec. .14d.), May 10.45d. (dec. .12d.), June 10.41d. (dec. .13d.), July 10.38d. (dec. .14d.), August 10.26d. (dec. .14d.), September 10.14d. (dec. .14d.), October 10.03d. (dec. .14d.), November 9.98d. (dec. .14d.), December 9.98d. (dec. .14d.), January 9.96d. (dec. .14d.). Egyptian Futures—Tendency quiet; Sakels. January 17.25d. (dec. .10d.), March 17.50d., May 17.68d. (dec. .01d.); Upper January 14.09d. (dec. .05d.), March 14.27d. (dec. .02d.).

DUBLIN HAY AND STRAW.—Supplies of hay and straw came in yesterday morning in a straggling fashion, and tended to make market somewhat irregular and late. Altogether arrivals bulked a tolerably big supply in both sections. Trade ruled firm for choice strong hay and fair for secondary, but soft and inferior hard to clear. Business in straw slow; baled sorts of oaten and wheaten difficult to cash at prices asked—viz., 2/- to 2/3 per cwt., choice first crop hay 5/- to 5/8 and 5/6 per cwt., secondary strong qualities 4/3 to 4/6 and 4/9 per cwt., best old meadow 3/6 to 3/9 and 4/-, other sorts 2/3 to 2/9, 3/- and 3/3 per cwt.; oaten straw 2/3 to 2/6, and extra 2/9; wheaten 2/- to 2/3 and 2/6 per cwt.

LONDON METALS MARKET.

FALL IN TIN.

Prices in the TIN market took a sharp downward turn under selling pressure, but offers were fairly well absorbed. On balance cash proved 45/- to 47/6 and distant 20/- lower against the close of Monday. Cash quoted £263 10/- to £263 15/-, three months £261 5/- to £261 7/6; settlement price £263 15/-. Sales, 700 tons; cash sold £275 15/- to £263 15/-, three months £261 5/-. English ingots quoted £262 10/- to £263. COPPER—Market firmer, while well supported with buying orders, and on balance 10/- per ton higher. Cash quoted £61 11/3 to £61 12/6, three months £61 10/- to £61 11/3; settlement price £61 12/6. Sales, 800 tons; three months sold £61 10/- to £61 12/6. Electro quoted £66 10/- to £67, B.S. £65 to £66 5/-, S.S. £90, wire bars £67. LEAD—Market easy. Sales, 900 tons; good soft foreign pig Jan. sold at £22 7/6 to £22 6/3, Feb. £22 8/9 to £22 10/-, April £22 12/6; settlement price £22 7/6. English quoted £23 15/-. SPELTER quiet. Sales, 450 tons Jan. sold £26 3/9 to £26 2/6, April £26 to £26 2/6; settlement price £26 2/6. ANTIMONY—China crude Jan.-Feb. quoted £33 and regulus £41 10/- per ton. TIN PLATES unaltered.

GLASGOW IRON AND STEEL.—There was no report to-day.

IRISH FAIRS.

OMAGH.—Owing to the slippery state of the roads the supply of cattle at this fair was unusually small, and the demand, consequently, was keener than it has been for the past two months. Quotations:—Yearlings, £8 to £10; six-quarter olds, £10 to £12; two years old, £15 to £16. Springers were shown in fairly good numbers, and demand good. Prices—Heifers, £18 to £22; milching heifers, £18 to £20; springing cows, £25 to £30; second quality, £20 to £24; third, £18 to £20. Fat cattle were absent from the fair, but were bought in the stalls at from 42/6 to 45/- per cwt. There was a poor demand for sheep, and the ruling prices of good animals were from £2 10/- to £3. Brood sows, £7 to £8.

BOYLE.—With the roads like glass, making it difficult to bring supplies forward, the Boyle January fair was comparatively small. Young cattle were not greatly sought, but there was a spirited demand for well-conditioned cattle 2½ years old and upwards; first class springers made up to £30. Horses were quickly bought up at much advanced prices. Calves, up to 6 months, £4 to £6 10/-; yearlings, £8 to £12 10/-; two years old, £10 to £16 10/-; 2½ to 3 years old, £17 to £21. Useful working horses, £18 to £30.

FARM PRODUCE PRICES.

The following table has been issued by the Ministry of Agriculture showing the average prices obtained in Northern Ireland for certain classes of agricultural produce during the week ended 31st December, 1927, together with comparative prices for the corresponding period last year.

Description	Unit.	Average Prices. Week ended 31/12/27. s.	d.	Week ended 1/1/27. s.	d.
White Oats	Per cwt.	8	3	6	8
Potatoes:					
Arran Victory	Do.	3	7	3	6
Kerr's Pink	Do.	3	7	3	6
Up-to-Dates	Do.	3	3	3	4
Main Crop—All Classes	Do.	3	5	3	5
Hay, 1st and 2nd Years	Per ton	69	1	64	6
Meadow Hay, do.	Do.	48	7	47	2
Hay—All classes	Do.	65	0	59	3
Oat Straw	Do.	39	8	44	2
Grass Seed: Perennial	Per cwt.	19	9	28	2
Pork (dead-wt.)	Do.	63	9	77	10
Farmers' Butter:					
Print	Per lb.	1	9	1	7
Lump	Do.	1	6	1	4
Eggs:		*Per lb.		Per 120.	
Hen		1	5	23	9
Duck	Per 120	19	9½	22	11
Poultry:					
Hens	Per head.	2	7	2	5
Chickens	Do.	3	10	3	6
Ducks	Do.	3	1	2	6

*Under the Marketing of Eggs Act, 1926, hen eggs bought for re-sale are now required to be sold by weight.

DUBLIN DISTRICT COURT.

ATTEMPTED TO PICK POCKETS.

YOUNG MAN SENTENCED.

(BEFORE MR. COLLINS.)

For attempting to pick pockets at Moore street, Dublin, John Mackey (24), no address and no business, was sentenced to two months' imprisonment with hard labour.

Guard Pangton (226 C) charged the man with being a suspicious character and attempting to pick the pockets of three men. He was also charged with failing to give a satisfactory account of himself when questioned by the Guard, who had him under observation.

When asked by Mr. Collins if he had anything to say for himself, the accused man replied: "No; but I did nothing out of the way."

Mr. Collins—You were only attempting to pick pockets?—That's all.

Mr. Collins—Two months with hard labour.

GIFT TO POOR BOX.

(BEFORE MR. LITTLE.)

Before the hearing of civil bill cases, Mr. T. H. R. Craig, solicitor, Hon. Secretary of the Dublin District and Circuit Courts Solicitors' Bar Association, wished the Justice a happy new year on behalf of the Association, and asked him to accept a gift of £10 from the Association to the poor box of the court.

Mr. Little thanked the members of the Bar Association present for their good wishes to himself personally, and on behalf of himself and the other Justices he thanked the Association for their generous gift to the poor box of the court. That, he said, was the means of relieving the distress of numerous poor people whose wants would not otherwise be provided for. It was, therefore, one of the best charities in the City of Dublin, administered as it was by the Justices, with the assistance of the officers of the court and of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children.

FROM THE LEGAL DIARY.

LAW NOTICES—Wednesday, January 4.

IRISH LAND COMMISSION.—Examiners' Chambers, 93 Merrion square.—Before Mr. Franks, at 11.30 o'clock—Frances Roche and ors. (S. 791). Before Mr. Longfield, at 11 o'clock—A. B. M. Weir (S. 165), discharge rulings and settle schedule. Before Mr. Leet, at 11 o'clock—Francis P. S. M. Barrett (S. 1613), discharge rulings. At 3 o'clock—Agnes McDonnell (S. 1266), discharge rulings. Before Mr. Brett, at 11 o'clock—Deborah E. Ball (S. 908), settle schedule.

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MYSTERIES OF THE SALMON.

THE WAR OF NATURE.

(BY "H. H. C.")

A brisk walk of about two miles past the "Pound," where we have so often fished the natural and dry fly for trout, a climb to the railway, another mile and a rough descent through snow-clad whins to the river's bank, brings us to the spawning beds between the two eel weirs. Here, indeed, is a strange and fascinating sight —the mad rush of one cock-fish after another who has been bold enough to interfere with his courtship. During this period salmon, like "fur and feather," will engage in mortal combat for a coveted female.

When this happens the water for several yards around seems to boil, and one would think, from the number of fins showing, that the duel is being carefully and, perhaps, anxiously watched by many spectators. Then again a huge black tail will appear and remain almost motionless for a considerable time. This is a cock-fish using that horny growth on his upper jaw, with which nature provides him during this period, to do his share on the shingly bed by preparing the redd, or covering the deposited and fertilised ova.

FRY'S RESPONSIBILITY BEGINS.

If the water is low and clear enough, many little heaps of stones can be seen, all of which when the time comes in two or three months according to weather conditions, will yield thousands and thousands of minute salmon. Every one of these youngsters is furnished with a yolk-sack, providing nourishment for some weeks, and during that time no other food is required. When the sack becomes exhausted and absorbed the fry must look after themselves and forage for food of flies and larva. At this early stage begins that war of nature, which we know is so fierce among fish, and which they must continue to wage until the end against a host of enemies, among which man, with his many lures and nets, is not the least.

SNOW GROWTH.

From this point the growth of salmon fry, unlike that of the trout, is very slow. For about three years he remains in the river and only grows to three or four inches in length, the size attained by a trout during his first season. He then begins to make his way to the sea, returning once in every three or five years—we are not certain which. To what part of the sea we do not know, nor do we know how he lives until he returns to his own river as a mature fish.

The salmon has spawned, has travelled his hundreds—perhaps, thousands—of miles at nature's wonderous call; nothing would stop him. He has crossed the ocean, struggled up river, leaping falls and weirs and conquering rapids, resting a while in lake or pool, then on again with the next flood until he reaches the shallows where he was spawned. Fishery boards have proved, by marking fry, that a salmon returns to his native river, and by the rings on his fins they can determine his age.

A LIFE'S ADVENTURE.

A strange life history! Spawned in very shallow fresh water, after three years he leaves the river and seeks the sea, returning when he reaches maturity, perpetuates his kind and returns immediately to salt water, if able to do so. Few, indeed, are strong enough to do this. The kelt is found here and there dead on the bank, often almost at the river's mouth. A contrast to the eel, he leaves the shallows of the river and journeys to deep water in the sea—we are not sure where; spawns there, and the elvlings find their way back to the rivers, we know not by what guidance.

GAELIC PLAYS AT THE ABBEY THEATRE.

INTERESTING PROGRAMME.

This month's performance by the Gaelic Players, given at the Abbey Theatre, Dublin, on Monday, was more interesting than usual. There was an exceptionally good performance of a new version of Daniel Corkery's play, "The Yellow Bittern"—a mystical piece based on the legend of the death of Cathal Buidhe, the Ulster poet who made the famous poem on the bittern killed by cold and drought.

Tadhg MacFirbisigh, a player of whom little has been seen hitherto, gave a surprisingly fine picture of the aged poet, chanting his verses, before the curtain rose on the cottage interior, where the story of his passing is narrated. At the end, *An Mhaighdean Bheannuithe* (acted by Monica Ní Chléirigh) is seen passing the door; for it is she who was the unknown woman who summoned the priest to the dying poet. The play is racy and richly imaginative; and it was adequately presented.

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A new little comedy by Pierce Beasley, "The Man from Buenos Aires," was also good, but in a very different vein. This was a merry farce, depicting the troubles of a young man (Muiris O Catháin) in the troubled times, who passes himself off as a wealthy South American, and is obliged to go from blunder to blunder in the effort to carry off his part. Tadhg O Scanaill was as good sport as ever, and the house welcomed Pádraig O Bróithe, an admirable foil, back to the boards once more.

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"The Fatal Question," by Arthur Schnitzler, was played once more. It is rather an unhealthy little piece; for there is little pleasure in watching a suspicious husband hypnotise his wife.

A FEW "HOWLERS"

TAKEN FROM EXAMINATION PAPERS.

The current issue of *The University Correspondent* contains a choice selection of schoolboys' "howlers" taken from examination papers. Here are a few of them:—

After twice committing suicide Cowper lived till 1800, when he died a natural death.

A blizzard is the inside of a duck.

Queen Elizabeth rode through Coventry with nothing on, and Raleigh offered her his cloak.

Shakespeare lived at Windsor with his merrie wives.

Wolsey saved his life by dying on the way home from London to York.

Polonius was a mythical sausage.

"I took three for thy better." This is what Hamlet said when he stabbed Polonius and thought it was a rat.

An hypotenuse is the thing someone saw when he had a bath, and yelled, "I've found it."

Ambiguity means telling the truth when you don't want to.

One boy translated *Genae puellae formosae sunt* as "Beautiful girls are cheeky"; the best that another could make of *Fulminantis magna manus Iovis* was "The thundering big hand of Jove."

A third boy was faced with the following "Translate 'They have come' if 'they' refers to a girls' school." *Elles sont venuses* was the answer he gave.

INCORPORATED ACCOUNTANTS.

The following are among the successful candidates at the Incorporated Accountants' (London) examinations, held last November.

Final—John Woods, Belfast.

Intermediate—H. W. D. Anderson, Lurgan; P. S. Bass, Belfast; V. H. Lennox, Belfast; Hugh McHoul, Dublin; Joseph Magee, Belfast; Shama Rao Mandre, B. Com., Dublin.

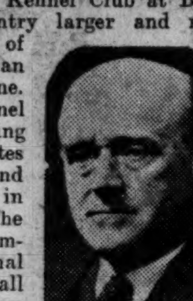
At a special Court in Lurgan yesterday an aged man named Moses Brown, labourer, Annaloiste, near Lurgan, was fined 10s. and costs for having a double-barrelled shot-gun without a licence.

AN IRISHMAN'S DIARY.

Mr. Justice Hanna and the Kennel Club: Rugby-playing Airmen: The Scarcity of Oysters: Has Dancing Deteriorated?

A Doggy Judge.

The interest shown in Ireland in the breeding and exhibition of pedigree dogs continues to increase year by year. Every St. Patrick's Day the championship show held by the Irish Kennel Club at Ballsbridge has an entry larger and more representative of various breeds than the preceding one. The Irish Kennel Club is the governing body that regulates the registration and exhibition of dogs in the Free State. The decision of its committee is the final court of appeal in all disputes which may arise. The various specialist clubs have delegates on the committee, which, in this way, is a thoroughly representative body.



MR. JUSTICE HANNA.

The success of the Irish Kennel Club is largely due to the indefatigable energy of its chairman, Mr. Justice Hanna.

Mr. Justice Hanna, who himself is a keen and successful exhibitor and judge of Airedales and Kerry Blues, was primarily responsible for the drafting of the rules governing the sport, and his legal ability was invaluable when after the Treaty the Irish Kennel Club took over the government of the doggy world from the English body. His judicial experience is much appreciated by his colleagues when knotty points of canine law come before them for judgment.

An Oyster Shortage.

It came as a bit of a shock to me last evening when I went to get a few oysters to find that the price had been increased. On asking the attendant, who, if he had a shilling for every oyster that he has opened would be a wealthy man, the cause of the increase, he told me that not only had he to increase the price, but that very soon there would be no more oysters. He doubted if there was more than another month's supply in sight.

This is all the more to be regretted, as the quality of the Galway oysters has never been better than during the last two seasons. I tried to get some information from him as to the cause of the shortage, but he did not help me very much.

"It's simply that they're not in it," he said tersely. And I had to leave it at that.

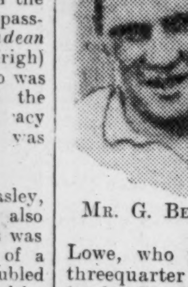
Kipling and Chicago.

I am reminded by a friend that the special article on Chicago in the *Irish Times* yesterday was the latest in a long series of journalistic references to the Chicago stockyards. Mr. Kipling, who described them about 1890, when he was on his way home from India to England *via* the rest of the world, could not have been the first to make "copy" out of the stockyards. "They say every Englishman goes to the Chicago stockyards," he remarked in one of the last of the "Letters of Travel";—and from that I infer that the stockyards as a spectacle must have been written up in English magazines before Mr. Kipling's visit. He himself wrote the "Letters of Travel" for readers in India.

I doubt if any other writer has written an account more graphic than his, though these early travel articles are lowest in merit among his works. Do you remember his impression of the pig-slaying? "They were so excessively alive, these pigs. And then they were so excessively dead, and the man in the dripping, clammy hot passage did not seem to care, and ere the blood of such an one had ceased to foam on the floor, such another, and four friends with him, had shrieked and died."

Rugby and the Air Force.

I see that poor du Manoir, the brilliant French stand-off half, has been killed in a flying accident near Paris. At Colombes last year he played a great game against Ireland, and generally was regarded as one of the best men playing in French football. A great many flying men have shone at Rugby. One of the first was that splendid Scotsman, J. G. Will, the Cambridge and Scotland wing, who was killed in the war. Another was "Bob" Usher, who undoubtedly would have got his English cap, but, unfortunately, was killed in a flying accident about four years ago. C. N. Lowe, who probably was the best wing-threequarter that ever played for England; W. W. Wakefield, certainly the best English forward of modern times; and George Beamish, whose "cap" for Ireland this year seems to be a certainty, all are Air Force, or ex-Air Force, men. By the way, A. C. Wallace, the Waratahs' captain, who was one of the famous Oxford threequarter line a few years ago, and played for Scotland in the same year, said when he was in Dublin recently that Beamish was the best forward in the British Isles. It is of interest to note that, in addition to his prowess as a footballer, Beamish, who is an old Coleraine boy, is an excellent golfer and a boxer, holding the Air Force championship in both these sports.



MR. G. BEAMISH.

A Flame Dancer.

Memory harks far back across the chasm of the Great War at the news that Miss Loie Fuller, once a famous flame dancer, is dead in Paris, after a long illness. She started her public career as one of the Buffalo Bill's circus troupe; but a sheer accident launched her on world-wide celebrity. To cover a torn dancing frock she one night wore an Indian shawl, given to her by an English Army subaltern. The shimmering limelight effects were so bewitching and unexpected that Miss Fuller promptly developed the idea, and she soon became known as the wonderful serpentine flame dancer.

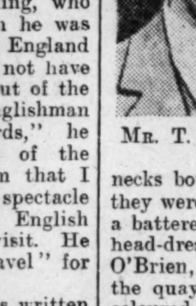
In her time she knew intimately such notables as Rodin, Dumas junior, Bernhardt, Anatole France, Flammarion, and the Queen of Rumania, earning the gratitude of the last-named by her efforts on behalf of the Rumanian Red Cross during the war. Her first London appearance was at the old Globe Theatre 39 years ago, and she later on succeeded Letty Lind at the Gaiety. She was a native of America's "Jungle"—Chicago—and must have been well over 60 when she died.

Paris Styles.

An Irish girl, who writes to me from the French capital, devotes a considerable portion of her New Year letter to coiffure and cosmetic vogues in the gay city. Eton crops, plucked eyebrows and ultra-bizarre make-up are considered no longer the thing in Paris. Shingles are longer; "bobs" are definitely in again. Elaborate curls have won all along the line over water-waves. The correct face-powder is in a subtle sun-tan shade, christened "*Banane.*" Lip-salve is "raspberry" or "geranium-red." In the smart set rouge is virtually taboo for daytime, and even nightly functions bear witness to the undoctored complexions of brunettes, though blondes, less able to cope with artificial light, continue to "wear" a hint of rouge at the theatre or the dance.

Labour at Play.

I casually dropped in to a New Year's Eve function in Dublin and found two prominent Labour politicians disporting themselves hilariously. Mr. "Tom" Johnson was playing the part of "The Saint" in a playlet entitled "Ringing Out the Old Year and Bringing in the New," by Victor Hall, a promising young Labour journalist. He was ably assisted by Mr. William O'Brien, General Secretary of the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union, who, with Mr. D. Morrissey, represented Tipperary in the Labour interest in the last Dail. From their toes to their necks both appeared normal; for the rest they were not so staid. Mr. Johnson wore a battered top hat (surely an incongruous head-dress for a saint), and Mr. "Bill" O'Brien, as he is affectionately known on the quaysides, was dressed on top in the coloured feathers and head-dress of a Red Indian. Mr. Johnson's health has vastly improved of late. The strain of several years' leadership of the Labour Party in the Dail, as well as the exacting duties of his office as Secretary of the Irish Labour Party and Trades Union Congress, had told severely on his health. "His defeat in Dublin County at the general election," as a Labour T.D. put it to me, "was the best thing that could have happened. It gave Mr. Johnson an opportunity of recuperating after the heavy strain of recent years."



MR. T. JOHNSON.

Mr. O'Brien is one of the biggest figures in the Irish Labour movement. He seldom speaks in public, but no important decision is ever taken by the party without his consultation and advice.

The Best Dancers.

A friend of mine, who is a dancing expert, writes:—"I was none too pleased to read your paragraph expressing the views of a charming lady friend who has attended dancing in all parts of Ireland for the past twenty-five years. I can go back much further, and will give you my views for what they are worth. I do not share your friend's regret at the disappearance of the old valse or the lancers. The former became most monotonous, both for the dancers and the onlookers, and the lancers degenerated into a romp, whether at a public ballroom or a hunt ball.

"The present valse, as taught by teachers of repute, is the most graceful valse offered to the public within living memory, and the 'Yale Blues' is a welcome addition to the programme; but, may I ask, what percentage of the Dublin public dance these dances?

"I attended a dance on New Year's Eve; the crowd numbered close on 600, and I can truthfully say there were not more than six couples doing the valse in time to the excellent music or dancing the 'Yale Blues.' It was to me a pathetic exhibition of meaningless movements, chiefly composed of a funeral procession round the ballroom. The standard of dancing in Dublin is not to be compared with what it was two years ago or before the war."

Golfing Families.

My recent references to Major Hezlet and his three sisters has prompted a correspondent to remind me of the part which two other Irish families are playing in Irish golf—the Carrolls and the Gorrys. There are five of the brothers Carroll, of Dundalk—James, Walter, Donal, Vincent, and Charles—and all are golfers, as is also their sister, Mrs. Callan. Walter, Donal, Vincent, and Charles all are rated at scratch, and regularly compete in the Irish championships; but not one of them, strange to say, has reached the last round in any championship.



MR. J. GORRY.

Mr. Joseph Gorry, of Naas—an old Kildare County cricketer, by the way—before the revised scratch scores came into operation was plus 2. He figured in what was, perhaps the most remarkable final for the Irish Open Championship ever played. It was at Newcastle against Mr. D. Wilson Smyth, then captain of the Royal County Dublin Club. After 18 holes Mr. Gorry, apparently, had the championship in his pocket. He was then five holes up, but was beaten on the 36th green. Mr. Gorry's wife is one of the keenest lady golfers in the Kildare club, and three of their young sons are among the strongest players over the Monread course.

One of them (he has a handicap of 10) is so proficent that his father, who is now a scratchman cannot concede him the strokes.

A Good Story.

I can vouch for a good story in which Mr. Gorry was the central figure. At Portrush, a few years ago, when he was battling his way into the semi-final round of the Irish "Close," one of the English Pressmen, who was noted for his rather superior manner, discovered that there was a good "story" in Mr. Gorry's performances. The superior airs suddenly vanished, and he condescended to ask one of the Irishmen how much he knew about Mr. Gorry as a golfer.

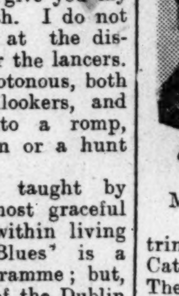
The Irishman seized his chance to get level, and the following day Mr. Gorry's friends rocked when they read in one of the leading English papers a long account of the exploits of "the white-haired old man from Kildare, now in his sixtieth year," and a vivid description of the "magnificent seaside links on the fringe of the County Carlow," on which course the "old man" and his three revered brothers (one of whom was a "Bishop!") fought out many a four-baller. Prematurely grey, Mr. Gorry was then 43 years old! And no one enjoyed the joke more than he did.

A Soldier Painter.

Service as well as society folk are keenly interested in an exhibition of military and landscape water-colour paintings to be opened this week at the Goupil Gallery in London. The artist, whose first public show this is, is the Earl of Ypres, son of the first Earl, the famous Irish Field-Marshal, who commanded the British Army in France during the opening and most demoralising stages of the Great War. The present Earl is now well on in the forties, married to the daughter of a soldier, the late Major-General John, and himself served with the Royal Artillery. He has one son and one daughter. The boy, Viscount French, who is heir to the title, celebrated his seventh birthday only a few days ago. The Earl, who has not the robust cavalry temperament of his father, paints military subjects with a real *flair*, and his landscape work is quite pleasing.

Mr. Vincent O'Brien.

Mr. Vincent O'Brien, the musical director of the Dublin Broadcasting Station, is a busy and versatile musician. From morning till night he is hard at work imparting advice and all-round musical knowledge to numerous juvenile and adult pupils. He excels as a trainer of choirs and boys' voices. Many notable singers have passed through his hands, including Mr. John McCormack, Mr. Walter McNally and Mr. Harry O'Dempsey. Mr. O'Brien is the conductor of the Palestrina Choir, attached to the Pro-Cathedral, Marlborough street, Dublin. The choir was founded by the late Mr. Edward Martyn. From time to time Mr. O'Brien has successfully produced opera in Dublin, and was prominently identified with the musical section of the *Tailteann* Games. Also he was conductor of the now defunct Dublin Oratorio Society. He is a skilled organist and pianist, and it will be recalled that at one time he toured Australia as Mr. John McCormack's accompanist. Mr. O'Brien's wife, formerly Miss May O'Sullivan, is a pleasing soprano and an able accompanist.



MR. V. O'BRIEN.

QUIDNUNC.

MICKY.

A VANISHING TYPE.

(BY "K.")

Micky began as a yard boy, but his quickness and cheerful willingness soon promoted him indoors and he became a treasure, able to turn his hand to anything. Snips came up the wide river to the old historic town, five miles away; but sailors with bearded lips cast no spell on him. His was that great gift—contentment with his lot in life, and all his interest was in the welfare of those that he served.

If, in the good, old friendly way of those days, a large party arrived unexpectedly to spend the day, the hostess felt nothing of what Mazzini used to call "the cares of bread." Micky would fly around, slay whatever feathered creatures were in season at the time, and bury them in the earth for half-an-hour; and they would be as tender as if they had hung the right time. When friends and acquaintances asked how the family were from anyone who had been there lately, the question always followed: "And how is Micky?"

When another generation began to appear his devotion embraced them also. He took it upon him to summon the child bedward, knowing that, were the nurse to do so, she must obey if the father granted its petition to stay up a little longer. Not so with Micky: he knew what was good for children. The hour was come; the child must go.

There is no finer thing than faithful service, nothing more to be honoured. Yet now, more than in Wordsworth's day, the wealthiest man among us is the best, while sanity would put worth, brains and birth before money-bags, always remembering, however, that the hand of the diligent maketh rich. Micky must be gone to his reward long ago. The children that he loved are scattered in far lands. The place where he lived is now a nunnery. The Ireland that made him what he was is for ever gone. For the ancient pieties, the reverence and obedience, the affection generation after generation, the sympathy and the help, what has this loud-boasting, ever-rushing time to give in exchange?

DOG COLLAR BRACELETS.

GROWING IMPORTANCE OF THE BROOCH.

By a Paris Correspondent.

In Paris dog collar bracelets rival in popularity the sparkling diamond-studded bracelets that are now an accepted part of society's night-time uniform. They have a primitive look, and are probably a sophisticated variety of African native ornaments. They take the form of a band of gold, from half to three-quarters of an inch wide, set with unpolished opals, rubies or emeralds, or with turquoise, jade, cornelian, topaz or coral. They must be large enough to slip down over the hand, and are worn over the glove instead of under it.

Brooches and brooch pendants grow larger and larger in the newest jewellery designs. It is not at all unusual now to see three-inch and four-inch wide brooches with a single stone as a centre *motif*. A popular style has an oval centre plaque of onyx four inches long, with emerald and diamond flowers affixed like handles on either side. Then there are squares of moonstone with jade centres, and large aquamarines set in a circle of diamonds that serve the double purpose of brooch or pendant.

Moonstone lends itself well to this type of jewellery. A moonstone buckle may have round bolster-shaped ornaments at each end, carved from solid emerald, and a famous artist-designer uses moonstone for the petals of a spray of lilies. Altogether there is great variety in brooch designs. The large jewelled circle, with a bow knot of brilliants, makes a particularly satisfactory pattern, and emphasise the important place that bows take in trimming a dress at the moment.

Pendants with dangling fringes, graduated in length, are increasingly shown and worn. A fringe of small diamonds and brilliants may end in drops of coloured jewels, like emeralds or sapphires.

Earrings often follow this form of jewelled fringe, with a coloured drop. Diamonds and rubies make a pretty combination, and one important jewellery house has earrings with three drops of diamonds and rubies, the longest strand an inch and a half long, and the shortest about half-an-inch.

Another new earring form is a four-inch drop of onyx, very thin and narrow. It fastens to the ear with a diamond button.

PATIENT'S TREATMENT.

COMPLAINT AGAINST AN ENNISKILLEN NURSE.

At a meeting of the Enniskillen Board of Guardians yesterday a long report was read from the Workhouse Master (Mr. T. Gregg) regarding the action of the charge nurse, Miss Caddoo, in refusing to admit into the hospital a woman aged 77, who had the old age pension and £60 in the bank.

Nurse Caddoo, the Master stated, sent the patient to the body of the house, and he sent her back. The nurse again refused to admit the woman, and he appealed to the Medical Officer, who said that the infirmary was the place for the woman. He sent the patient back, only to have her again returned to the body of the house, and at 11 p.m. the women inmates put her to bed and got her something to eat.

It was ordered that Nurse Caddoo should send in a written explanation of the action complained of by the Master.

FOUND DEAD IN HALL.

INQUEST ON DUBLIN EX-SERVICE MAN.

A verdict that death was due to natural causes, combined with shock, caused by accidentally falling down stairs, was returned at an inquest held by Dr. L. A. Byrne, Dublin City Coroner, yesterday, on William Ridgeway, aged 52 years, a hairdresser, who was found dead in the hall of his residence, 41 Annesley avenue, North Strand, on Monday night.

Evidence of identification was given by Robert Ridgeway, who said that his father was discharged from the British Army four years ago, and had been under doctor's care for his heart.

SALE OF CATTLE ON THE STREETS.

LEITRIM COUNTY COUNCIL'S REQUEST.

Leitrim County Council has adopted a resolution asking the Civic Guards not to interfere with farmers selling cattle on the streets of Ballinamore, as it is an old custom. The Council decided to send a deputation to wait on the Free State Local Government Department in reference to the question of the share of the grant to be given to Leitrim for the relief of unemployment.

The Council adopted a further resolution welcoming the announcement that the Free State Minister for Local Government is arranging to sell cottages in the Free State to occupying tenants.

CO. WICKLOW FIRE.

DWELLING AND SHOP BURNED DOWN.

The dwellinghouse and shop of Mr. Kerr, Ballinalea, Ashford, was destroyed by fire on Sunday night. Mr. and Mrs. Kerr had left early on Sunday for Dublin, an assistant having been left in charge. The outbreak was noticed at about 8 p.m., and neighbours and Civic Guards soon were doing their utmost to extinguish it. Water was scarce, however; the flames spread rapidly, and in a couple of hours only the walls were left standing.

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SAFEGUARDING MILK SUPPLY.

PORTADOWN COUNCIL'S INVESTIGATIONS.

The condition of the milk supply and the agricultural position generally in the district engaged the attention of the Portadown Town Council on Monday.

Mr. H. C. I. Kelly, veterinary inspector, reported having clinically examined thirty-two cows and found one suffering from tuberculosis, with lesions of the udder. This cow would be slaughtered under the Bovine Tuberculosis Order; her milk had not been used from the time that he became suspicious of her condition. Samples of milk from eleven different herds had been submitted for bacteriological examination.

In the report of the bacteriologist some of the samples of the milk were described as very good and excellent; others fairly good, and several very bad. One sample was said to contain an exceedingly large number of bacteria—over one million per cubic centimetre.

Mr. Hall said that there were men in the town who kept good cows, whose milk might be good enough, but it was handled and turned out in a filthy state.

FILTHY BYRES.

The Chairman (Mr. D. Rock, M.B.E., J.P.) said that, according to the report of the bacteriologist, there were two or three bad cases, and the attention of the people concerned should be called to the state of their byres.

The Clerk (Mr. Sewell) said that they should ask the veterinary inspector to take samples from these people again, and if they were found to be bad he should make a recommendation as to what action the Council should take.

Mr. Kerr said that the reports now submitted showed the absolute necessity for the action which the Council had taken in order to procure a pure milk supply for the people.

The Clerk said that it should be made known that the Council would insist on milk vendors keeping their animals in clean surroundings. If the animals were not kept clean, the milk could not be clean.

It was decreed to notify the milk vendors from whom samples had been taken of the result of the bacteriological examination.

THE PORK MARKET.

The Clerk stated that he had written to a number of pork buyers in Northern Ireland asking if they would attend the additional pork market which the Council proposed holding on Wednesdays. Only one firm said that they would attend, and then only if the market was held on a day selected by themselves.

Mr. George Johnston—The matter may now be considered at an end.

The Clerk—The only hope for the farmer is to start an association such as they have in Fermanagh and Tyrone. I think an additional pork market in Portadown would not be a success.

Mr. George Johnston suggested that the farmers should form co-operative societies, as was being done all over the country.

The Chairman observed that the Council had done what they could in the matter, and it was decided to take no further action.

STOCK REPLACEMENT LOANS.

Mr. George Johnston referred to the Government's scheme of live stock replacement loans, under which farmers who had suffered loss through the death of sheep, cows or other animals, could obtain short loans from the Government at 2½ per cent. interest for the purpose of replenishing their stock. This, he said, should be a great boon to farmers, many of whom were paying 6 and 7 per cent. on mortgages and overdrafts.

Mr. Locke said that many farmers had suffered heavy loss owing to some of their cattle dying, and it would undoubtedly be a great help to them to get loans at such a low rate of interest.

Mr. Kerr moved a vote of thanks to the Gas Company for having, as the result of the deputation that waited on them, reduced the price by 10d. to 5s. [illegible]d. per 1,000 cubic feet. A lot of people considered that the price was still too high, but the company were installing up-to-date equipment, and if the people had patience for about six months there would be a chance of having the price reduced to 3s. 9d., the rate charged in Coleraine.

Mr. Locke seconded the motion, which was passed.

FALSE FIRE ALARM.

The Clerk mentioned that the fire brigade were called out to a fire that was supposed to have broken out in premises in High street on the Sunday previous, but it proved to be a false alarm. It cost £2 10s. to turn out the brigade; so that, if this was intended as a joke, it was rather an expensive one.

It was said that the person who gave the alarm saw smoke coming out under the door, and came to the conclusion that the fire must have broken out inside the shop.

It was decided to prosecute any person who, it was alleged, called out the brigade without sufficient cause.

DEATH OF BELFAST SOLICITOR.

VERDICT AT INQUEST.

Dr. Robert Reid, Deputy Coroner for South Antrim, held an inquest yesterday on the body of Mr. George C. Macrory, a prominent Belfast solicitor, who was found shot in his room at his residence, Dunmurry House, the previous evening.

Mr. R. H. Macrory, Fitzwilliam square, Dublin, barrister-at-law, said that deceased man was his younger brother and a widower, fifty-six years of age. He last saw him alive last Sunday night, when he was in his usual health. Deceased man, said witness, called him early on Monday morning and told him that his bath was ready. He (witness) later went downstairs, but he did not see his brother. He asked the servant if the master had come down yet, and she replied that she did not think so, but that he might have gone out. Witness then went upstairs, and on entering his brother's room was horrified to see him lying on the floor with blood on his face. He saw a revolver in deceased's hand, and noticed that there were bullet wounds in his head.

FIVE SHOTS.

Evelyn Miller, the house parlourmaid, told the Coroner that about nine o'clock she heard three shots, but thought that the sound came from outside. She then went to the servants' hall for breakfast, and when sitting down she heard two shots more, but again thought that the sound came from outside, and that it was some of the workmen who were firing.

Dr. Samuel R. Hunter, Dunmurry, said that on examination he found five gunshot wounds in the head. There were three glancing wounds and two deeper and fatal gunshot wounds. The cause of death was shock and hæmorrhage as a result of gunshot wounds. He was of opinion that they were self-inflicted.

The Deputy Coroner said that he thought that there was really only one verdict that could be returned. It seemed extraordinary to him that so many shots had been fired.

THE VERDICT.

The jury returned a verdict of "suicide whilst in a state of unsound mind."

The Deputy Coroner expressed deepest sympathy with the relatives of deceased man.

Mr. David Hanna (Messrs. C. and J. Black) said that the matter was one of great grief to everyone, and that a better or more generous man than deceased he did not know.

FUNERAL OF MR. SYLVESTER HARGREAVES.

The funeral took place from his residence, 20 Merrion square, Dublin, to Mount Jerome Cemetery yesterday of Mr. Sylvester Hargreaves, Irish representative of the British Engine Boiler and Electrical Insurance Co. The Funeral Service was conducted by the Rev. J. J. Macauley, Christ Church, Rathgar.

Among those present were:—Mr. Wilfred Wellock, M.P.; Messrs. W. F. Hanna, W. H. Elliott, P. Kenny, J. J. Best, Robert M. Stankley, Charles Hanglow, J. Bailey, G. Squire, James S. McMahon, Arthur D. Codling, F. W. Parkes, S. F. McCrea, Robert Morgan, W. J. Keerr, James P. Mallin, E. Bradford, R. Walsh, George Scott Coomber, A. Gray, William Petrie, E. Massey, S. F. Home, J. F. Arbuckle, H. S. Gibson, A. H. Armstrong, J. R. Felton, R. L. Morrison, H. F. L. Knowles, P. Williams, W. H. Coombs, W. E. Pilkington, Ernest Makin.

Among the wreaths were those from:—His Wife, Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Wellock, Masonic Lodge 302, Mr. and Mrs. Pilkington, Misses Brierley, British Engine Boiler and Electrical Insurance Co., Ltd., Royal Insurance Co., Ltd., Mr. and Mrs. P. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Makin, "All at Ardenza."

THE CHURCH OF IRELAND.

The Board of Nomination for the Parish of Kilkeedy, Diocese of Limerick, will meet this month to appoint an incumbent. The rectory is within five miles of the City of Limerick.



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JULIANSTOWN PARISH CHURCH.

INSTITUTION OF THE REV. G. E. FRY.

The Rev. George E. Fry, who for the past nineteen years has ministered in the parish of Slane, Co. Meath, was instituted to the parish of Julianstown by the Bishop of Meath (the Most Rev. John Orr, D.D.) at a Service in Julianstown Parish Church yesterday afternoon.

Among the clergy present were:—Canon Lockett Forde, the Rev. F. R. Brunskill (Chaplain), the Rev. W. F. Alment (Registrar), the Rev. S. R. Hipwell, the Rev. S. R. Colquhoun, the Rev. A. M. Cave, the Rev. W. A. Jones, the Rev. J. M. Jennings, the Rev. C. H. W. Hammick, the Rev. W. Armstrong Jones, and the Rev. L. A. W. Hunter.

The candidate was introduced by the Rev. F. R. Brunskill, who also administered the the statutory declarations, and after the institution the Bishop delivered a short address to the congregation, which included parishioners from Meath and Louth.

The Anthem, "I know that my Redeemer liveth" and "Come unto me," was sung by Madam Borel, Mr. Huggard, assistant organist of Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin, being at the organ.

A SOLEMN RESPONSIBILITY.

The Bishop, in the course of his address on the solemnity of such an occasion, spoke of the solemn responsibility of the clergyman on his part, and of the no less solemn responsibility of the people of the parish on theirs. Surely, he said, there could be no greater, no grander, and, at the same time, no more difficult work than that to which clergymen were called, not by men, but by God Himself; for clergymen must never forget that they were ministers, not of a congregation, but of Christ, and stewards of the ministries of God.

"I would like you to think of us clergymen in that way, and of our work," said the bishop. "We cannot eliminate the personal element, but I wish our people thought more of the office and less of the man. I would ask each of you, in your own way, to think, perhaps more highly than you have thought, of the office of priesthood to this church."

"This afternoon," he continued, "one has been instituted to the cure of souls of this parish who is well known to you all. He has been working for many years in a neighbouring parish, and you have had an opportunity of knowing him and appreciating the value of his work. You have asked him to come here to be your pastor in this place, and I believe you will find him, as he has been in his late parish, a faithful and true pastor.

"There is also your duty towards your clergy and the Church in general, and I do ask you this afternoon never to do anything in this parish, or say anything or think anything which might hinder the work of your new incumbent, but to help him all you can. We need your help, and we rely on your help. You on your side have a very large, a very great responsibility in fulfilling the Master's work in this world. I do ask you to remember this."

THE LATE COLONEL PEPPER.

Before concluding, the bishop said that he knew that there was one thought of sadness in all their minds at the passing from them of one who loved that church and did so much to beautify and glorify it. He referred to Colonel Claude Pepper, whom they had so recently laid to rest. He knew of the interest that Colonel Pepper had taken in the appointment of their new incumbent, and how keen he was in all that affected the welfare of that parish. He knew how much he loved that place; for he had told him of it. Colonel Pepper had left them that beautiful church in which they were assembled, but he had left them something better still—and he (the bishop) asked them to follow his example—a priceless legacy, a devout and holy life; a life which was not, thank God, dead, but an inspiration to those who worshipped there from time to time.

HEALTH TALKS BY A PHYSICIAN APPEAR REGULARLY IN THE *Weekly Irish Times*

TO-DAY'S ISSUE—
(1) HOW TO TAKE YOUR TEMPERATURE.
(2) EYE-TESTING.

MISSION TO THE ADULT DEAF AND DUMB.

ANNUAL SOCIAL IN DUBLIN.

Ample proof of the good work which the Rev. F. A. Elliott, M.A., is doing in connection with the Mission to the Adult Deaf and Dumb of Ireland was afforded at the annual social held last night in the Y.M.C.A. Buildings, Abbey street, Dublin. There were about forty deaf mutes present, some having travelled a considerable distance. The party included boys and girls, as well as adults, who spent a very pleasant evening. After tea, games were played.

The guests were waited on by the Rev. Mr. Elliott and Miss Elliott. Help was also given by Mr. George C. King, Hon. Treasurer; Mrs. King, and the Misses King.

The missionary work carried on consists of religious services, Bible classes and personal visitations by people interested in the spiritual care of deaf mutes and able to communicate with them. A Service for the deaf, conducted in the finger and sign language, is held in the Gregg Hall, Dawson street, Dublin, every Sunday afternoon, and a Bible class is conducted every Wednesday.

Efforts are also made to secure employment for those out of work, but the scope of the Mission is hampered for want of funds.

RECENT IRISH WILLS.

Mrs. Blanche Cole, late of "Orahava," Carrickmines, County Dublin, who died November 17th, 1927, left £5,442

Mr. Charles V. Beveridge, late of Goldsmith terrace, Bray, cycle agent, who died November 6th, 1927, left £2,747

Mr. William Black Law, late of Royal terrace, West, Kingstown, retired County Inspector, R.I.C., who died November 14th, 1927, left £2,004

LIMERICK POOR LAW ADMINISTRATION.

PROPOSED JOINT SCHEME FOR CITY AND COUNTY.

The Finance Committee of the Limerick Corporation at a meeting on Monday night passed a resolution favouring a joint scheme of poor law administration in the city and county, separate schemes for each area being in existence at present.

The Committee also approved of the proposal of the Tuberculosis Committee to set up a dispensary in the City Home and Hospital, the old Limerick Workhouse, which, it is suggested in the Poor Law Commission's report, should be taken over as an auxiliary mental hospital for Clare, Kerry, and Limerick County and Borough.

CANVASSING FOR POSTS.

When it was suggested at the monthly meeting of the Strabane Urban District Council that the Council should insert a provision in an application for a post under the Council that no canvassing would be allowed, Mr. John Boyle said that it was far too late now; for half the town of Strabane had canvassed the members of the Council for the post.

FLEAD NA NODLAG.

As announced in our advertising columns, Flead na Nodlag will be held in Clery's Ballroom, Dublin, on Saturday next, commencing at 8.30 p.m. No doubt, the Flead this year will be a great success, and the committee has left nothing undone to ensure a thoroughly enjoyable evening for all. Special trams will be in readiness at 3 a.m. to convey patrons to the suburbs.

NEW IRISH COMPANIES.

REGISTRATIONS IN DUBLIN.

The following new companies have been registered in the Irish Free State:—

Andrew S. Clarkin, Ltd. (private company). Registered office not stated—Saorstat Eireann. Nominal capital, £5,000, divided into 5,000 shares of £1 each. The following are the signatures to the Memorandum of Association:—(1) Andrew Sylvester Clarkin, 204 Pearse street, Dublin, coal merchant—1 share; (2), Elizabeth Clarkin, same address—one share. Both are first directors

Thomas J. Rogers, Ltd. (private company) Registered office not stated. Nominal capital, £2,500, divided into 2,500 shares of £1 each. The signatures to the Memorandum of Association are:—Thomas J. Rogers, 42-45 South King street, Dublin, motor agent—one share; Sorca T. Rogers, same address—one share.

C. J. Fallon, Ltd. (private company). Registered office not stated. Nominal capital, £5,000, divided into 5,000 shares of £1 each. Signatures to the Memorandum of Association:—John Joseph O'Leary, 43 Parkgate street, Dublin, company director—one share; Charles Joseph Fallon, 3 Howth road, Dublin, publisher—one share.

THE LATE MR. M. MEAGHER.

Kilkenny Corporation voted sympathy to the widow and relatives of the late Mr. Michael Meagher, formerly M.P. for North Kilkenny and a Freeman of Kilkenny City, and adjourned the monthly meeting in respect to his memory

CHURCH SERVICES.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCH.

First Church of Christ, Scientist, Dublin (a Branch of the Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Mass.), 35 Molesworth street.—Services—Sunday, 11.30 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Sunday School 11.30 a.m. (Wednesday (Testimony Meeting), 8 p.m. Christian Science Reading Room, same address, is open to the public daily from 11 a.m.

NEW TOTALISATOR INVENTION.

LIQUID DISPLACEMENT PRINCIPLE.

A DEMONSTRATION IN DUBLIN.

At the offices of Messrs. Byrne and Kearney, consulting engineers, 56 Merrion square, Dublin, yesterday morning Engineer-Commander Barry Hocken, R.N. (retired), explained the working of a new hydraulic totalisator which he had invented. The demonstration of the invention, which Commander Hocken is engaged in perfecting, was given on the invitation of the Ministry of Finance.

Those present included a number of member of the Turf Club; General Sir Bryan Mahon, Colonel Clarke, Major Shirley; Mr. F. H. Clarke, Secretary, Turf Club; Mr. J. J. Murphy, Chairman, Shannon Electricity Board; Captain Harding, Mr. S. P. Callaghan; Mr. Dempsey, Secretary, Shannon Electricity Board; Mr. Lynd, Department of Finance; Mr. Toomey Department of Agriculture; and Mr. Randall, of the Revenue Department.

Commander Hocken explained in detail the working of his invention, and answered numerous questions. The apparatus is worked on the principle of liquid displacement. A numbered tube filled with coloured liquid represents each horse, and as every bet is made the act of registering the investment and issuing the ticket causes the liquid in the tube to rise, and by this means it is possible to have a number of indicators at different points of the course showing simultaneously the progress of the wagering on the main instrument, which is mechanically checked, and which provides automatic calculations dealing with every range of stake.

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Indicating boards can be placed at any convenient places about the paddocks, each indicating board communicating with the money-receiving stations. As soon as any money is placed on a horse at any station the indicating tube corresponding to that horse shows the amount on every indicating board, and at the same time the total shown at every indicating board is increased by 90 per cent. of the amount placed on the horse. The remaining 10 per cent. is deducted for expenses tax and totalisator profits.

Each ram would cost, roughly, £5, exclusive of the cost of piping, and the total cost of installation for a racecourse would depend largely upon the number of runners. If there were 30 runners, 30 rams would be required for one station, and every additional station would require 30 rams. An operator would be required for each ram, so that, in addition to the cost of providing and installing the apparatus, the working expenses would be heavy.

One of those present at the demonstration said to an *Irish Times* reporter." There is a good idea underlying the invention, but the personal element enters too much into it."

RACING MEN AND THE TOTALISATOR.

JOCKEY CLUB CRITICISED.

The Jockey Club was criticised when the members of the Bookmakers' and Backers' Racecourse Protection Association, Ltd., met at the Holborn Restaurant, London, last night for their seventh annual dinner and ball.

Mr. T. Oakley, M.P., the Chairman, said that nobody had failed more at a critical time than had the Jockey Club, which had advocated what would only be called panic legislation. The introduction of the machine would ruin horse-racing and horse-breeding. It was absurd to suggest that the totalisator could stop the rot. The Jockey Club had taken the attitude of ploughing a lonely furrow, and not assisting other members of the racing community.

Mr. Oakley expressed the opinion that the introduction of the totalisator was nothing more than "a sort of red herring across the trail, to divert the attention of the public from the Betting Tax." If the Betting Tax were reduced to such a point that it would meet with the approval of everybody concerned, then he was sure that the advocacy of the "tote" would disappear.

Mr. Albert Marks, President of the Association, replying, said: "The bookmakers can, and do, lose, but the 'tote' never. The public must decide whether they want the bookmakers or the totalisator. The success or failure of the new scheme for betting must be furnished by the public, who must decide the issue by their patronage.

WORKHOUSE GROUNDS "INSANITARY."

HOSPITAL DRESSINGS STREWN ABOUT.

Sub-Sanitary Officer Abraham reported to the Enniskillen Rural Council yesterday that the Workhouse grounds were in an insanitary state, owing to used bandages and dressings from the infirmary being thrown about. These bandages, he said, spread infection. There was a "terrible" heap of bandages, which had been used on patients suffering from cancer and other diseases, and they should be burned.

The report was referred to the medical officer.

EMIGRANTS TO CANADA.

GOVERNMENT'S REQUEST TO ENNISKILLEN GUARDIANS.

Application was made by the Ministry of Home Affairs to the Enniskillen Board of Guardians yesterday for the free use of local dispensaries for the medical examination of intending emigrants to Canada.

Some of the members objected, Mr. W. Wilson saying that they should not allow all the young men and women to go out of the country, as there soon would be nobody in it but old people.

On a vote, by a majority, the request of the Ministry was acceded to.

BURGLARS IN A CINEMA.

BOX OFFICE TAKINGS UNTOUCHED.

The Lee Cinema, Winthrop street, Cork, was entered on Sunday and Monday nights, padlocks on the entrance gates being removed, but as far as could be ascertained nothing was taken. There was a large sum of money in the box office on the second night.

An entrance was also made during the week-end through a window in the roof of Ross's stationery shop in the same street. The burglars, who had to make a drop of fifteen feet, removed several articles, some of which, including mouth organs, toys fountain pens and stationery, was later found by the Civic Guard in an adjoining room.

WICKLOW BOY'S REVOLVER.

At Arklow District Court a boy, Sylvester Lacey, of Ballintemple, Woodenbridge, was fined £8 for having an automatic Mauser revolver in his possession without being duly licensed.

WESTERN RELIEF FUND.

Since the closing of the *Irish Times* Fund on November 26th we have received the following additional subscriptions:—

Proceeds of concert held at Milltown, Co. Sligo, organised by Miss D. L. West, Wynnesfort, Sligo	£15 0 0
Result of dance held in the Band Hall, Blessington, per Mrs. Boothman, Trooper's Fields, Blessington	6 0 0
"A Sympathiser," Upper Drumcondra	1 1 0

HOURS AND WAGES ON RAILWAYS.

CENTRAL WAGES BOARD TO DECIDE.

Since July, 1927, the wages and hours of engine-drivers, firemen, shunters, and cleaners have been the subject of negotiations between the Railway Companies and the Irish Branch of the National Union of Railwaymen. No agreement having been reached the matter will now be submitted to the Railway Central Wages Board.

In an interview with one of our reporters yesterday, Mr. C. D. Watters, chief organising secretary of the Union, said that the main features of the proposal for the reduction of wages were that it attempted to introduce a system of classification of the locomotive grades. That classification would be dependent upon where the drivers and firemen were engaged, and those who would be in the lower grade classification would be the men who were now working on the minor branch lines. The rates of pay for the latter men would, according to the companies' proposal, be reduced by 3s. per day, and the wages of drivers and firemen on the principal or main lines would be reduced by one shilling a day.

Furthermore, it was sought to make a change in the number of miles worked by a driver per day. The existing agreement provided that 120 miles per day would be the equivalent of an eight-hours day, and every additional fifteen miles would entitle a man to one hour's extra pay. The Companies' proposals would increase the mileage from 120 to 150, as the equivalent of an eight-hours day.

MORE MILEAGE: LESS PAY.

This, in practice, said Mr. Watters, would work out so that the man who to-day would be paid for ten hours for running a train 150 miles would receive only eight hours' pay. Other changes that are sought by the Companies are as to the method of "rostering" men. The existing agreement provides for eight hours' continuous duty per day. The Companies seek to change that system, so that a man can be "booked" off for a period—two or three or four hours—and then "booked" on again, so that he must work a maximum of twelve hours in all. If this method were to obtain it would add considerable hardship to those grades, and cause much inconvenience to most of the men.

The question of reduction of wages for new entrants to the railway service was dealt with by the Wages Board on December 29th, when the majority of the Board regarded the proposed reductions as too great. The majority report added that a reduction of 10 per cent. on the wages paid to the several grades in Group I. Companies, and a reduction of 5 per cent. in the wages paid by Group III. Companies, was the maximum which, under existing conditions, could be reasonably made.

RELAXING WAR-TIME RESTRICTIONS.

MIXED RECEPTION FOR PROPOSALS.

Representative opinions were obtained yesterday on the recommendations of the Committee appointed by the British Government to inquire into the working of the Shops Early Closing Acts. While the proposed changes in the Defence of the Realm Act regulations are welcomed in many quarters as affording relief from war-time restrictions considerable opposition is offered to the sale of tobacco and confections in places of amusement after the closing time for shops.

A LORD MAYOR'S APPROVAL.

The Lord Mayor of Birmingham said: "From a hasty survey of the recommendations they appear to me to be reasonable and practical. I am certainly of opinion that the suggested modifications of the existing Act are sufficient justification for the appointment of the Committee. I am glad to see that many irritating restrictions are likely to disappear, and I welcome, too, the measure of local option which is conceded to municipalities. It is quite obvious that there cannot be complete standardisation of practice for the whole of the country. Exceptional conditions, of course, demand exceptional treatment. The latitude allowed, particularly to seaside places, will be very helpful.

SUNDAY TRADING.

"I am convinced that municipalities will exercise their powers with the caution and care expected of them, and will not abuse the liberty granted to them. I have a great deal of sympathy with the small shopkeeper, who has a hard struggle nowadays, but, on the whole, and on the principle of seeking the greatest good of the greatest number, I think the recommendations should be welcomed. I regret that the question of Sunday trading has not been faced. It is a matter which will have to be dealt with in the near future."

"Abolish all restrictions and institute a fixed-hour week for assistants," said Mr. J. J. Berry, a Newcastle confectioner. "The recommendations are disappointing, leaving traders open to unfair competition from public-houses and theatres. Those businesses which should be freed from restrictions are to be most hampered. The suggestion that local authorities should fix tobacconists' closing hours involves anomalies, especially where different boroughs abut."

COMMITTEE MEMBERS' VIEWS.

Sir Frank Meyer, M.P., a member of the Committee, said: "I think the report is a good compromise, and that it ought to satisfy nearly everyone. It should certainly please the shopkeepers and their assistants, who, according to the evidence given before the Committee, are almost unanimously in favour of a fixed closing hour. The public ought to be pleased that the petty restrictions regarding the sale of tobacco, cigarettes, ices and chocolates after eight o'clock have been done away with."

"The Committee's recommendations give greater elasticity to the law, because they allow of holiday resorts being exempted from restrictions under the Act, and because they enable special provision to be made for such events as Wembley Exhibition and Ascot Races. In the past the law has been ignored to a great extent, as it was impossible to enforce it. We had no evidence that the public were anxious to have facilities for shopping late."

Mr. E. A. Radford, M.P. for South Salford, who was a member of the Committee of Inquiry, interviewed in Manchester, said:—"The majority of the people in the country are in favour of early closing. I think the recommendations, if made law, will have a beneficial effect. By recommending increased facilities for the sale of cigarettes and chocolates in theatres we have tried to do away with a ridiculous position; for no more assistants will have to be employed to serve the few people who require cigarettes and chocolates. One point on which there was complete unanimity of evidence was that shopkeepers had not suffered through the restricted hours."

CARLINGFORD LOUGH COMMISSIONERS.

MR. H. G. BURGESS REAPPOINTED.

At the meeting of Carlingford Lough Commissioners yesterday, a letter was read from the London, Midland and Scottish Railway Company, notifying their re-appointment of the Right Hon. Mr. H. G. Burgess as the company's representative on the Commission.

The Harbour Master reported that during Sunday's gale two of the lighted buoys off Greenore were swamped. They had, however, been secured.

WARRENPOINT SCHEMES.

NEW MEMBER OF COUNCIL ELECTED.

At the monthly meeting of the Warrenpoint Urban District Council last Monday, Mr. Samuel Gillow, Sunny Brae, Springfield road, Warrenpoint, was elected a member of the Council in place of Mr. C. J. Slade, resigned.

The Northern Ministry of Home Affairs notified the Council that Mr. John Bates, M.Inst.C.E., would hold an inquiry on December 11th next into the Council's applications for loans amounting to £3,850, for the provision of two public lavatories, improvements to the open-air sea baths, and the laying of new footpaths in the urban district.

MUZZLING THE LIQUOR TRADE.

PUBLICANS DENOUNCE NEW LEGISLATION.

A BIG "OFFENSIVE" SUGGESTED.

The first meeting of the newly-elected Committee of the Licensed Grocers' and Vintners' Protection Association of Ireland was held in the offices, Commercial Buildings, Dame street, Dublin, yesterday, for the purpose of electing the officers. Mr. John W. Ryan, U.D.C., out-going Chairman, presided.

The poll was opened at 11.30 a.m., and closed at 12.30 p.m. The Chairman announced the result as follows:—Mr. James J. O'Neill, Vice-Chairman, was unanimously elected Chairman; Mr. Michael Corbett, 15 Little Mary street, Vice-Chairman; Mr. Michael Humphreys was unanimously re-elected Treasurer, and Messrs. Fanning, Conway and Walters were re-elected as Trustees.

BETTER BUSINESS ANTICIPATED.

Mr. O'Neill, in returning thanks, promised that he would do his best to justify their trust. At the moment their trade, like every other business, was passing through a period of great depression, and he supposed that it was likely to be some time before they emerged from it. Prosperity could only come to them with the general prosperity of the country, and while he was an optimist as far as the future of the country was concerned, he knew that it was only time, hard work and that better understanding between all classes of the people, which he was glad to see was manifesting itself, that could bring that prosperity about. Their business, partaking as it did to some extent of the nature of a luxury, was a very sensitive barometer to the general commercial atmosphere. The general condition of the trade, however, was sound and healthy, notwithstanding the encroachments that had been made upon their rights during the past twelve months and the continuance of the war duties on beer and spirits.

Looking to the future, he could see a very busy year before him if the programme outlined at the recent monster meeting in the Catholic Club and at the subsequent trade conferences held in these offices were to be carried out. As Mr. Ryan told them at the Catholic Club meeting, they must leave nothing undone to remove some of the legislative iniquities imposed upon them during the past year, while it was up to not only the licensed trade, but all Irishmen who had the best interests of the country at heart, to demand and insist upon obtaining a big reduction in the peak duty still kept on on exciseable liquors. The enormous reduction in the hours of trading in the Act of 1927 was nothing short of filching away from people property for which they had paid. Who asked for or sanctioned the afternoon closing hour in the four boroughs? That closing had already proved a great inconvenience to people coming into the city at that hour of the day and had conferred benefit on nobody, while it had undoubtedly encouraged drinking in illicit places.

NEW LEGISLATION NECESSARY.

Since the new Act came into operation up to the sittings of the Circuit Court some six or seven weeks ago—a period of about ten weeks—there were in the City of Cork nine convictions of publicans, each conviction necessarily carrying endorsement. The nine appealed to the Circuit Judge, and in all cases the endorsements were removed. He was told the experience was much the same all over the country. Where, he asked, was justice in that law? For some flimsy technical breach a trader was arraigned before the Court, and no matter what the circumstances may be, if the Guards prove their case, the Justice has no choice but convict and endorse. He was very hopeful that the members of the Dail would require very little persuasion to secure their support for an alteration in that absurd law. Many other phases of the existing law were palpably unfair to their trade and reflected an evident bias towards them that should not be.

He thought that they should be ready when the Dail resumed to introduce a small amending Bill covering some of the more uncalled for sections of the Act of 1927.

The Vice-Chairman (Mr. Corbett) said that he felt that if they came forward with a small measure of reasonable repeal it would secure a large amount of support in all quarters. Then they had the hardy annual of the spirit and beer duties. There must be an unloading of some of the taxation in the next Budget. (Hear, hear.) The country, the industry of brewing and distilling and the trade could stand it no longer. It was now or never. He was convinced that if a big offensive was conducted from now on to April next and the country made to realise what any further continuance of these duties at their present level meant, the Minister for Finance could not any longer stand out.

Senator Fanning, Messrs. Humphrys, Conway and Walters also returned thanks for their election.

Senator C. Kennedy then moved, and Senator Fanning seconded, a resolution placing on record the Association's highest appreciation of the manner in which Mr. John W. Ryan, U.D.C., discharged the onerous duties of chairman during the past year.

Messrs. Michael Humphrys, James T. Ryan, Patrick Conway, Joseph Fagan, John J. Higgins, Thomas F. Healy and James J. O'Neill (Chairman) supported the resolution.

NEXT ST. PATRICK'S DAY.

Mr. Ryan thanked them for the resolution, and for the kindly remarks of the proposer and seconder, and the others who supported the vote. He said that they could not get away from the conviction that the disabilities that they suffered had no sanction from the people of the country, as no mandate was obtained at any general election for the activities against their business which had characterised the Ministry of Justice for the past five years. They held that the conditions under which their trade had been carried on for generations ought to be good enough for their new Legislature. All that legislation was enacted at a time when drunkenness had practically disappeared from the land. Statistics showed that the Free State was by far the soberest part of what was the United Kingdom, and yet they had all this rush to surround the trade with a network of traps and pitfalls, as if the nation had suddenly discovered that it was a national danger that should be guarded against.

A few months ago, on the occasion of one of the Gaelic championship matches which had attracted thousands of people from all parts of the country, they had the spectacle of the vast majority of these people having to return—in most cases long distances—to their homes without being able to obtain any kind of refreshment because the supplying of *bona fide* travellers, under any conditions, in the exempted cities was distasteful to the advisers of the Ministry of Justice. Another little instance was likely to arise on St. Patrick's Day next. As the law now stood, that day was a black fast one as far as the sale of liquor was concerned. He thought he could say that, within the limits of the Free State, there were up to a hundred cattle fairs held on that day. He wondered what would the people think and feel when they found themselves unable to obtain a drink because, forsooth, a Labour Senator would insist on St. Patrick's Day being put in the same category as Good Friday and Christmas Day.

On the motion of the outgoing Chairman, Mr. J. W. Ryan, seconded by the Chairman, Mr. J. J. O'Neill, the secretary, Mr. Martin O'Byrne; the assistant secretary, Mr. P. J. Walsh; the organiser, Mr. Hackett; and the solicitor, Mr. T. V. Davy, LL.B., were re-elected; and a vote of thanks was passed to the secretary and his staff for their devotion to their duties during the year.

EARLY TYRONE LAMBS.

Mrs. Bond, of Fawney, Donemana, Strabane, has four lambs in a field, one three weeks old, one two weeks old, and two six days old. Mr. Robert Lyons, J.P., Mountcastle, has a ewe with two lambs almost three weeks old. This is considered very early for lambs.

CORK ROBBERY CHARGE.

At the Blarney District Court yesterday, Michael Looney and Daniel Cooney were further remanded on a charge of conspiring to rob, and with robbing while armed, an old man named Michael McCarthy, of Killeens, on 3rd December last of £7 10s, 2 gold rings, value £8, and two gold watches, value £10, and also with assaulting McCarthy and his wife.

An application for bail was refused.

MANY SKATING CASUALTIES.

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Bedford, about which fears were expressed yesterday morning, is safe, though the water of the Great Ouse, which is above all the arches and is still rising slowly, is bringing ice and flotsam of all kinds into violent collision with the parapet.

On the isolated crown of the bridge a small gang of roadmen is warding off the ice and trees with poles. The work is strenuous, and short shifts are taken, the relays being conveyed to and fro by horse and cart.

"ALARMING" RISE OF THE THAMES.

DANGER FROM BLOCKS OF ICE.

Overflowing rivers, melting snow and heavy rain have flooded vast tracts of the low-lying countryside of England, and yesterday, from all quarters, reports were received showing that the worst effects of the recent wild weather are yet to be felt. In London itself most of the traces of snow and rain had disappeared. An airman arriving at Croydon from Cologne had to set a compass course, as he would have done if flying over the sea, instead of flying by well-known landmarks.

Yesterday afternoon the Thames was rising at one spot at an average rate of an inch per hour. Serious flooding is feared in the Thames Valley, and watermen in the Richmond district describe the rise of the river as "alarming."

At Molesey, between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m., the river had risen eleven inches, and Mr C. J. Griffiths, Chief Engineer to the Thames Conservancy, said that it appeared that the swelling of the river would continue.

IMPRISONED IN UPPER ROOMS.

People at Woodford, Essex, sat in their upper rooms and watched the water swirling through parlours and kitchens. City workers had to wade through the water to the station.

Lorries and horse-drawn wagons were used to carry people across the Lea Bridge road, half a mile away from the London and North-Eastern Railway Station, but a number of the vehicles in the lower sections of the road became waterlogged. The Chigwell and Southend roads were impassable, but parts of Hendon and Golder's Green, Middlesex, where houses had been flooded, were clear yesterday. On the Willesden Council's housing estate about a hundred houses were affected, and an army of workmen were also busy erecting temporary bridges of planks set on chairs to enable people to leave their houses.

The London General Omnibus Company had to curtail about ten of their services to Barnet, Shepperton, Croydon and Ewell, among other districts.

The Southern Railway stated that normal electric services between Eltham and Mottingham had been resumed.

The thought which is perplexing Thames lock-keepers and watermen from Richmond to Windsor is, "What will to-morrow bring?" All craft that it is possible to take from the river have been removed. The moorings of the larger craft have been strengthened.

ICE DANGER.

Great pieces of ice have been a constant trouble to lock-keepers. If they do not disperse there is likely to be a serious block at the much over-worked sluices.

Hundreds of bungalows all along the riverside are now cut off. In many cases the water is only a few inches from the floors, and in some places, between Sunbury and Staines and Windsor, the roads and fields are flooded for miles around.

"The water has a long way to go before it reaches the 1894 flood-mark," said Mr. W. S. Biffen, whose boathouses are next to Staines Bridge. "It is difficult to say what is going to happen. Without being unduly pessimistic, I can safely prophesy that the floods will not be over until Friday at least."

GREAT DAMAGE TO FARMS.

The recreation ground and adjoining playing fields were submerged at Reading, where the Thames, which continues to rise rapidly, was yesterday afternoon fourteen inches above normal level—double the figure of Monday night. At Wargrave a roadway was five feet deep in swiftly flowing water; large houses near the railway were isolated and the ground floors were flooded.

From Reading to Theale there are many square miles of farm land under water. Hay ricks just peep above the surface, and abandoned farm lorries are only to be detected by the shafts which rise out of the sea of water. Farmers have had many anxious hours in saving their stocks.

A peculiar feature of the thaw was that in places the snow and ice appeared to be unaffected. There were patches near Reading for distances of half a mile where the snow lay thick upon the ground, and gangs of workmen were engaged in cutting a way through snowdrifts about seven feet deep.

The main road from Reading to Wokingham was flooded for a quarter of a mile, and a lorry unable to pick a way was ditched near Loddon Bridge, where the water was three feet deep.

The police were directing one-way traffic through Wokingham, and, though many lorries and cars were held up, the heavy Thames Valley 'buses maintained services. The roads to Twyford and Sonning and to Aldershot were all flooded, with the water still rising.

Householders in Sulham took refuge in the upper storeys, and Tidmarch was set in a great lake. The roadway by the riverside at Henley-on-Thames was submerged. Numerous bungalows in the Chertsey district have been vacated.

RAILWAY STATIONS UNDER WATER.

GIRLS RESCUED FROM FLOODED LAUNDRY.

On the northern side of Northampton the floods extended on either side of the railway line almost up to Rugby. From Northampton, in an easterly direction, the whole valley was one sheet of swirling water.

Water was running through houses at Geddington. At Grafton Underwood there were three feet of water in the streets, and the road to Weekley was under water.

For the first time within living memory Castle Ashby station was isolated, and the 'bus services to Wellingborough had to be diverted.

The biggest flood since 1900, when the town bridge was washed away, was seen at Guildford, Surrey, when the rapidly-rising River Wey entered houses, shops, and works. Guildford High Street and Friary Street were impassable, and the water, which was three feet deep in parts, forced up many wooden paving blocks. Portsmouth road traffic had to be diverted.

Beer barrels from a brewery floated down the river, and girls at a laundry, where about £300 worth of damage was done by the water, were carried out by male employés, or got away in tubs and motor vans.

ISLE OF WIGHT TRAINS STOPPED.

Extensive flooding stopped the train service to Sandown and Ventnor, Isle of Wight, on both the Ryde and Newport routes.

Freshwater Station approach became a huge lake, and passengers were taken from the steps of the station by motor 'buses.

The railway station at Newbury, Berkshire, resembled a well-cut canal. The train service was kept normal, but the trains had to crawl through the station. Railway porters wore thigh boots, and waded through two feet of water.

At Thatcham also, four miles from Newbury, the line was submerged, and it was only possible for passengers to leave the station in farm wagons.

Newbury established communication with Andover for the first time during many days. The main road from Newbury to Winchester however, is still impassable.

In Norfolk the floods have affected the valleys of the rivers Yare, Wensum, Bure and Waveney. The road near Harlingford, seven miles from Norwich, is covered to a depth of three feet. The water at one point rushed across and at Harringham a motor mail van was washed into a big hole in the road, and three horses were required to pull it out.

SWANS SWIMMING IN STREET.

The flood water rose with amazing rapidity at Old Woling, Surrey, where the main road for one thousand yards was submerged. Work ceased at a large printing works which had been cut off. Carts and motor vehicles conveyed people over the roads, swans were swimming in the High street and children sailed toy boats.

Between Penshurst and Leigh, Kent, the Medway was yesterday morning a raging torrent.

For the first time for some years the water reached the main street of Tonbridge, but later subsided several inches, and work, which had been temporarily suspended yesterday morning at Whitefriars Printing Works, which were isolated, was resumed, the employés being taken over the immersed Medway wharf by motor vessels

In contrast with Tonbridge other parishes below the town are in dire straits. The height of the river at Yalding at midday was 10 ft. 5 ins. above normal, having risen over 3 ft. since 10 o'clock.

The River Colne overflowed during the night, and part of the principal street of Watford, Herts, was flooded to a depth of three feet.

The district of Bushey was practically cut off from two main approaches.

The rising of the Colne also caused extensive floods in and around the Colchester (Essex) district. In low-lying parts of the town the cottagers are living in the upstairs rooms. Planks and boxes have been used by tenants to get in and out of their homes. In one or two instances people have had to leave their homes.

OUSE STILL RISING.

The Ouse at Bedford was two feet above normal and was still rising last night. Thousands of acres of market garden land in Sandy and Biggleswade are submerged. Farmers are hurriedly removing grazing cattle to higher levels, as an extension of the floods is anticipated.

A Bath message says:—Less inconvenience than was contemplated has been caused in the Avon valley by the floods, despite the fact that at Bradford-on-Avon the river rose to a height of 10ft. 9ins., invading many streets and making traffic impossible. Since noon yesterday the river has been falling as fast as it rose.

A sudden change in the weather has taken place since the early hours of yesterday morning in the Lothians, East Scotland. After a twelve hours' thaw a very keen white frost set in Last evening nearly all the public thoroughfares were in too slippery a state for horse traffic.

LANDSLIDE IN HERTS.

The village of Whitwell, near Hitchin, Hertfordshire, which was isolated for six days following a snowstorm, was again cut off yesterday by a landslide on the road which runs by St. Paul's, Waldem, Bury, where the Duke and Duchess of York are staying with the Duchess's parents, the Earl and Countess of Strathmore, for a shooting party.

On Monday food was rationed in the village, but there was not a serious shortage.

LIVERPOOL'S BURST PIPES.

"The thaw has caused an enormous amount of damage to water pipes in Liverpool, and every available man has been concentrated on the work of locating and mending the leakages," said Colonel J. R. Davison, Liverpool's Water Engineer, yesterday

Up to yesterday morning the number of burst pipes on private premises and other defects dealt with by the staff of the water department amounted to 7,750, and a large number of cases remained to be dealt with.

The areas where most waste is now taking place are Everton, Bootle, Walton and Dingle, and until a sufficient number of defects are located and remedied it will be necessary to restrict the supply in these areas.

FLOODS INCREASING LAST NIGHT.

MORE TOWNS AND VILLAGES THREATENED.

Late last night the floods in the Medway Valley were increasing as a result of the waters receding from the higher districts around Tonbridge, and Maidstone is threatened with serious inundations. At Allingham Lock, below Maidstone, the river, which is here affected by the tide is rising rapidly.

The village of Clapham, adjoining Bedford on the north, was last night inundated by a very sudden rise of the Great Ouse, and houses for a distance of three-quarters of a mile along the main street were invaded before their occupants had time to remove their furniture to upper rooms. Parts of the street were under three feet of water.

At Sandy, on the main north road, the water is subsiding.

GRAVE POSITION AT DARTFORD.

A fresh flow of water from the River Darenth last night caused considerable damage in Dartford, Kent. Parts of High street, which had been hitherto protected by blocking the gullies, was flooded through the pressure of the water raising the flagstones.

Houses were invaded by the water, and several people found their living-rooms untenable. In many cases kitchen fires were put out and the flooding was so bad that people left their houses in vans and motors for accommodation with friends.

Ramparts were hastily built to protect the parish church, and the fire brigade were strenuously pumping late last night to keep the water down. Howe Gardens, a thoroughfare between the High street and the railway station, is awash.

HAMPSHIRE STILL SNOWBOUND.

TEN DAYS CUT OFF FROM CIVILISATION.

Many parts of Hampshire are still snowbound. There are farmers who have been out of touch with civilisation for virtually ten days. Yesterday morning Newbury established communication with Andover for the first time during many days. Gangs of workmen had been employed cutting through the snowdrifts, and just before noon the villagers cheered the arrival of the motor omnibus which had "blazed" the trail.

The village of Overton, too, was only put in touch with the outside world yesterday. The main road from Winchester to Newbury was still impassable late yesterday afternoon.

A Pressman who attempted to penetrate this "Arctic" region in a motor car equipped with steel chains found other motorists endeavouring to achieve the same object, but all to no avail. In places the drifts were still eight to ten feet deep. With the aid of the workmen who were slowly forging ahead he eventually reached Burghclere, seven miles from Newbury.

Leaving the car he trudged through snow mud and slush over the Downs to Down Farm, which had not been visited for ten days, where he found Mr. George Reed, the occupant, and heard the story of the lonely Christmas and New Year spent by the family.

FARMER'S STORY OF ISOLATION.

"I have not seen a strange face for ten days," said Mr. Reed. "I only came out of Winchester Hospital on the Saturday before Christmas, when the snowstorm swept over the countryside, and it would have been too dangerous for me to attempt to get to the neighbouring villages and farms. Had it not been for my two sons heaven knows what we should have done. They had to go out in the driving snow and find their way across fields and ditches to get into Lichfield for food. Meat, bread, vegetables, and groceries were put into sacks, and then they had to fight their way home, the snow often being waist deep in the hollows. Mother and myself could do nothing to help and prayed for their safe return. It took them hours to cover the two miles across country to Lichfield.

THE SOLACE OF "WIRELESS."

"Then the boys had to go out and dig the sheep out of the snowdrifts. We have been prisoners for over a week, and our food supplies were again beginning to give out. You can imagine how much we have valued the wireless which we installed some months ago. It has been our only diversion. We have not even had the postman, but the lads have been into Burghclere once or twice for the mails."

It is anticipated that the main road from Winchester to Newbury will be open to-day. Provision carts from Newbury are making their way to the villages as the working party advances.

CENTURIES-OLD MANSION BLOWN DOWN.

A high, square building, centuries old, which housed the Laird of Nether Buckie, standing out by itself a quarter of a mile from the town of Buckie, Banffshire, fell a victim to a sudden storm during Monday night. The front wall was blown down, and the back wall soon followed, leaving a great pile of stones and lime, as the walls were thick.

The mansion, which has been uninhabited for over half a century, had withstood hitherto the fiercest gales.

DUBLIN GIRL'S FATAL BURNS.

Severely burned when her clothes accidentally caught fire at her residence, 36 C Block, Keogh Barracks, Kilmainham, Dublin, yesterday morning, Sally Hyland, aged 17, died last night in Steevens' Hospital.

STEADY!



IN these days the noise and excitement of life are greater than ever. Whether you realise it or not, all this throws a great strain on your nerves. If sudden noises make you "jumpy," if little things upset you, if you find life a burden, you may be sure that your nerves are not in perfect order. But there is no need to worry. Your nerves can be easily strengthened by taking a short course of Compound Syrup of Hypophosphites "Fellows." This is not a mere stimulant but a reconstructive tonic. Doctors have prescribed "Fellows" for over sixty years and surely this should warrant your confidence.

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TAILTEANN GAMES CONTROL.

GAELIC ASSOCIATION'S THREAT.

MAY WITHDRAW IF NOT DOMINANT.

A meeting of the General Council of Aonach Tailteann was held in the Mansion House, Dublin, last night. Mr. J. J. Walsh, Director, presided, and there was a good attendance.

Mr. Canavan submitted a report of his work in the United States of America in connection with organisation there in support of the Tailteann Games. It was of a satisfactory nature, and a vote of thanks was passed to him for his efforts.

In connection with the appointment of Council representatives on the Executive Committee, a discussion took place as to whether the Executive Committee should be the governing body of the games, or whether its decisions should come before the General Council for ratification or otherwise.

Mr. L. J. O'Toole, Secretary of the Gaelic Athletic Association, said that at a conference at Croke Park recently it was distinctly understood that the Executive Committee would be the supreme governing body of the games.

The Chairman said that the normal functions of an Executive Council were to go into matters of detail, and to report to the General Council, who could ratify, or otherwise the decisions come to.

Several members agreed.

Mr. O'Toole said that Congress decided that in 1928 the Gaelic Athletic Association should have a controlling voice in the Games. The Director was invited to a conference, and he did attend, and gave the conference to understand that he agreed to the terms laid down. They were going to insist upon that being carried out. If not they would withdraw from the Games, and let the people who wanted to run the Games run them. They should be quite clear on that matter.

Mr. T. Craig suggested that the Gaelic Athletic Association should have six members, as at present, on the Executive Council, and let each other branch of sport have one representative. That would mean that the Gaelic Athletic Association would have six to one votes as regards any branch of sport.

Mr. J. Ryan said that they could not agree to that at all.

"ASKING A LITTLE TOO MUCH."

Mr. T. Carson said that the Gaelic Athletic Association was the biggest body in connection with the games, and should have the largest representation; but there were more than six other forms of sport, and he thought that the Gaelic Athletic Association was asking a little too much.

Mr. O'Toole said that they had instructions from a conference of representatives from all Ireland—they did not recognise the Free State in the Gaelic Athletic Association, but the whole 32 counties—that they should have a controlling voice in the games. That mandate they would carry out, and if the demand was not acceded to they would withdraw from the games altogether.

Mr. J. V. Lawless ultimately proposed that the Gaelic Athletic Association should have a similar number of members on the General Council to the members representing all other branches of the games, and that there be no Executive Committee. He thought that representation on a "fifty-fifty" basis would be fair.

Mr. Ryan said that they would submit the matter to the Council of the Gaelic Athletic Association at its next meeting.

Mr. Craig seconded the resolution, which was adopted.

After this decision had been agreed to,

The Chairman said that it had not been usual to have the Press present at their meetings, and people were talking about them having their meetings in private. He had taken it on himself to invite the Press on that occasion. Mr. O'Toole had made a remark about the Gaelic Athletic Association being prepared to withdraw, and he was sure that Mr. O'Toole did not wish that remark to go out to the public, as it would not assist the games.

Mr. O'Toole said that he was not opposed to having the matter published, and the entire proceedings ought to be published, or nothing.

Mr. Ryan said that if it was published it would make their position plain, and would do no harm, but would clear the air.

The Chairman—Very well so.

On the motion of Mr. J. J. Keane, seconded by Mr. Lawless, it was decided that yachting, rowing, and motor boat racing competitions should be held at the Dublin *venue*.

ACCIDENTS TO 'BUSES AND CHAR-A-BANC

ICE-BOUND ROADS IN COUNTY TYRONE.

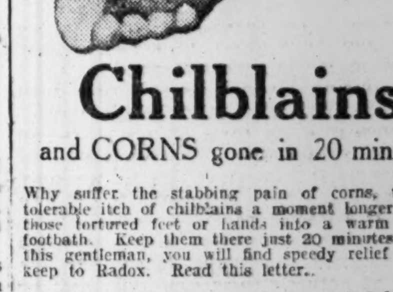
The frozen condition of the roads in Omagh and district was responsible for a number of accidents yesterday, but, fortunately, none of them was of a serious nature. Farmers bringing their cattle into the monthly fair experienced considerable difficulty in travelling, and, owing to the icy state of the roads, the number of live stock exposed for sale was small.

The 'bus travelling from Carrickmore to Omagh in the morning, which carried about twenty passengers, skidded at a corner near Drumnakelly, three miles from Omagh, and dashed against a wall. The front part of the vehicle was smashed, but all the passengers escaped serious injuries.

A similar accident befell a 'bus *en route* from Dromore to Omagh. The passengers did not sustain any injuries, but the 'bus was much damaged.

CHAR-A-BANC OVERTURNED.

A char-a-banc conveying a number of football supporters from Stranraer, Wigtownshire, to witness a match at Newton Stewart yesterday afternoon overturned on the ice-covered roadway near the village of Kirkcowan. The char-a-banc was badly damaged, but no serious injuries were suffered by the passengers.



Chilblains

and CORNS gone in 20 minutes

Why suffer the stabbing pain of corns, the intolerable itch of chilblains a moment longer? Put those tortured feet or hands into a warm Radox footbath. Keep them there just 20 minutes. Like this gentleman, you will find speedy relief if you keep to Radox. Read this letter.

"I beg to inform you of the good I have received from your Radox Bath Salts. Some time ago I used it for a corn which I removed. Since then I have had no foot trouble whatever. I contracted chilblains on both feet owing to severe frost in my district, and bore the pain and itching for three days, when I could not tolerate it any longer. So I hobbled up to the local Chemist and bought a 1/6 packet of Radox and bathed my feet. Next morning I had no pain, no itching, no chilblains whatever, and all this comfort was due to 20 minutes' immersion of the feet in a gallon of water in which I put a tablespoonful of Radox Bath Salts." H. W.

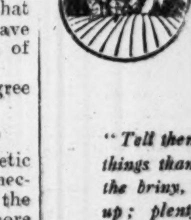
When you put your feet into a footbath containing Radox, the Salts soften the hard outer layer of the corn, and the oxygen which Radox liberates enters the pores, opens them, and penetrates further and further, carrying the corn softening salts right to the root of the corn, which is thus loosened so that it can be lifted out bodily. Radox ends chilblains by stimulating the circulation at the affected part.

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Ask for Radox at your chemist's. Price 1/6 per ½lb. pink packet, 2/6 double quantity.

1/6 *Half Pound Pink Packet.*



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SOCIETY FOR THE PROPAGATION OF THE GOSPEL.

In the advertisement columns will be found a notice of the closing of the S.P.G. year. Contributors and treasurers are asked to note January 16th 1928. A special mail will be sent to Tristan da Cunha this month. The General Post Office will issue a notice later in the month.

PUBLIC AMUSEMENTS.

GAIETY THEATRE.
THE HOME OF PANTOMIME.
MATINEE TO-DAY AT 2 O'CLOCK.
EVERY EVENING AT 7.30.
ANOTHER GAIETY SUCCESS.
The Grand Annual Pantomime,
ROBINSON CRUSOE.
DRAWING CROWDED and
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Matinees Every Wednesday and Saturday at 2.0.

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Chris Silvester, Eva Ellis, and a Galaxy of Stars. Children Half-price to Stalls at First House and Matinees. Book your seats early.
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MATINEE SATURDAY at 2.30.
HYACINTH HALVEY,
By Lady Gregory.
THE GLORIOUS UNCERTAINTY.
A Comedy in Three Acts, by Brinsley Macnamara.
Booking at Theatre, 10.30 to 6; and at Clery's.
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JACKIE COOGAN
IN
"JOHNNY GET YOUR HAIR CUT."
SHOWING AT 2.45, 4.55, 7.5, 9.15.

GRAND CENTRAL.
2.30 TILL 11.
"WHAT PRICE GLORY."
BOOKING FOR THIS WEEK.

THE CORINTHIAN.
"THE RING,"
With CARL BRISSON and LILLIAN HALL DAVIS.
This Picture will not be released in England until 1929.

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TOWN HALL, RATHMINES.
TO-NIGHT AT 8 O'CLOCK.
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SUBJECT—"ROMANCE OF A COMET"
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CLERYS BEST CATERING SUPPER 11 p.m.
Special Trams at 3 a.m. to
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Tickets—10/- Single, 17/6 Double.

PUBLIC AMUSEMENTS.

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THE REVUE WITH A PLOT.
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"THE BELOVED ROGUE."
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DAILY 2.30 to 11 O'CLOCK, CONTINUOUS.
LOIS MORAN and DONALD KEITH
IN
"THE WHIRLWIND OF YOUTH."
A Tale of a Great Love. Also
BETTY BRONSON and JAMES HALL
In an ELINOR GLYN PRODUCTION,
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IN THE MEMBERS' HALL, BALLSBRIDGE,
TO-DAY (WEDNESDAY), 4th JAN., at 4 p.m.,
"THE FILMING OF THE GOLDEN EAGLE,"
By Capt. CHAS. W. R. KNIGHT, M.C., F.Z.S.
Admission for a Single Lecture, 2/6.
Members admitted free, and can obtain tickets for friend at 1/6 for a Single Lecture.
Next Lecture: Friday, January 6th, at 4 p.m.
"Bird Life in the Tree Tops."
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THURSDAY, JANUARY 26th,
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At the Piano—MISS DOROTHY STOKES.
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THE COUNTY LIMERICK HUNT BALL
WILL BE HELD AT
ADARE MANOR, ADARE,
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(By kind permission of the Earl and Countess of Dunraven),
On FRIDAY, 13th JANUARY, 1928.
Dancing 10 o'clock.
Mr. John Clarke-Barry's Band.
Supper—Mills, Dublin.
Tickets: Gentlemen, £1 10/-; Ladies, £1 5/- (including wine).
(After 5 p.m. on Thursday, 12th January, 10/- per Ticket extra.)
Chauffeur's Supper Ticket, 2/6.
From—
EDWARD LEAHY,
Hon. Secretary, County Club, Limerick.

ROYAL IRISH ACADEMY OF MUSIC,
WESTLAND ROW, DUBLIN.
THE NEW TERM WILL COMMENCE ON SATURDAY NEXT, 7th JANUARY, 1928.
Candidate Pupils (bringing Music to perform) are requested to attend as follows:—
PIANO—Saturday, 7th inst., at 11.30, or Tuesday, 10th inst., at 3.30 p.m. SINGING—Monday, 9th inst., at 4 p.m. VIOLIN and VIOLA—Wednesday, 11th inst., at 11.30 a.m. ORGAN—Wednesday, 11th inst., at 3.30 p.m. VIOLONCELLO—Tuesday, 10th inst., at 11.30 a.m.
Form of Application and Copy of Prospectus, with particulars of Fees, EVENING and other Classes, can be obtained at the Academy.
Pupils who enter at the January Term will be eligible to compete at the Annual Examinations in December next (subject to the Regulations).
DECLAMATION ON INQUIRY.
By Order,
SEALY JEFFARES, Secretary.

PUBLIC NOTICES.

DUBLIN PORT AND DOCKS ACTS, 1898-1925.
ELECTION OF ELECTIVE MEMBERS OF THE DUBLIN PORT AND DOCKS BOARD.
We, the undersigned, being the Returning Officers, attended at the Office of the Board, pursuant to the regulations as to the mode of conducting Elections of Elective Members of the Dublin Port and Docks Board, on Monday, 2nd day of January, 1928.
The following Candidates were duly proposed and seconded:—
AS "TRADERS' MEMBERS":
GEORGE BYRNE,
JOHN PATRICK MacAVIN,
PATRICK JOHN MUNDEN,
WILLIAM THOMAS WATSON.
AS "SHIPPING MEMBERS":
DAVID BARRY,
PHILIP JOSEPH LAWRENCE,
FREDERICK McDOWELL.
There being no more persons standing nominated as Candidates for Election as "Traders' Members" or as "Shipping Members," respectively, than the number of persons to be elected as "Traders' Members" or as "Shipping Members," respectively, the said
GEORGE BYRNE,
JOHN PATRICK MacAVIN,
PATRICK JOHN MUNDEN,
WILLIAM THOMAS WATSON,
shall be deemed elected as "Traders' Members," and the said
DAVID BARRY,
PHILIP JOSEPH LAWRENCE,
FREDERICK McDOWELL,
shall be deemed elected as "Shipping Members."
And we make this return to the Board, pursuant to the Dublin Port and Docks Acts, 1898-1925.
Dated this 2nd day of January, 1928.
SEAMUS O MURCHADHA, } Returning
JOSEPH PETERS. } Officers.

EVANGELICAL ALLIANCE.
UNIVERSAL WEEK OF PRAYER
TO-DAY (WEDNESDAY), JANUARY 4th,
Y.M.C.A. BUILDING, LOWER ABBEY STREET,
At 4 p.m.
Chairman—Mr. A. H. GIBSON.
Address by Rev. J. BRUCE WALLACE, M.A.
THE METHODIST HALL, FLORENCE ROAD, BRAY, at 4 p.m.
Chairman—Rev. F. J. McKEE, LL.D.
Address by Rev. CANON G. D. SCOTT, M.A.
ALL ARE INVITED.

SOCIETY FOR THE PROPAGATION OF THE GOSPEL.
The Books for the year 1927 will be closed on Monday, January 16th. Will Treasurers and other Contributors kindly note this?

THE DISTILLERS COMPANY (LIMITED).
Notice is hereby given that the Ordinary and Preference Share Registers of this Company will be Closed from this date until the 17th instant, inclusive, during which period no Transfer will be registered.
W. DARGIE, Secretary.
12 Torphichen street, Edinburgh, 4th Jan., 1928.

DIOCESE OF DUBLIN.
PARISH OF RATHMINES.
A Meeting of the Board of Nomination is appointed to be held, at the Diocesan Offices on WEDNESDAY, the 11th inst. Information respecting the Benefice may be obtained from the Diocesan Secretary, 43 Kildare street, Dublin.

MISS REGAN'S CIVIL SERVICE AND COMMERCIAL COLLEGE.
SUCCESSES LAST EXAMINATION:—
WRITING ASSISTANTS (Oct., 1927) .... 5 Places
SHORTHAND TYPISTS AND TYPISTS (Feb., 1927) ...... 9 Places
GREAT SOUTHERN RAILWAY EXAM. .... 4 Places
Classes are now working for forthcoming examinations.
Prospectus can be had on application to the Principal.
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REGISTRATION OF CLUBS (IRELAND) ACT, 1904.
APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF CERTIFICATE.
SIR,—I beg to apply for a Renewal of the Certificate of Registration of the Broadstone Dining and Social Club, whose Premises are situated at Broadstone Station, in the Dublin Metropolitan Area, and I state that the object of the Club is to provide members with good and substantial meals at moderate prices, and to promote the social intercourse of the members.
Dated this 3rd day of January, 1928.
GEORGE MURPHY,
Secretary of above-named Club.
W. G. BRADLEY and SONS, Solicitors,
11 Lower Ormond quay, Dublin.

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WEATHER FORECAST.

General Inference.—A large anti-cyclone, centred near the Azores, is spreading north-eastwards across Southern Ireland and England, while a secondary depression, associated with a depression beyond Iceland, is approaching our North-West Coast from the West. In Scotland and Northern Ireland winds will be south-westerly, and will freshen, with cloudy weather, and some rain may occur in Northern Scotland, but elsewhere the weather will be fine, apart from local fog, with moderate to rather low day temperature, and frost in many places at night.

Ireland, North-West and North-East—Moderate westerly to south-westerly winds, mainly cloudy; rather cold; frost locally at night.

Ireland, South-East and South-West—Wind westerly to south-westerly, light to moderate; fair; fog locally at night; rather cold; frost at night in most places.

South-West Seaboard.—Light northerly to variable winds; fine; visibility mainly good; sea slight.

Irish Sea and St. George's Channel.—Moderate westerly to south-westerly winds; fair; visibility mainly good; sea slight to moderate.

North-West Seaboard. — Freshening south-westerly winds, cloudy; some rain in the north; visibility mainly good; sea moderate to rather rough.

Dixon and Hempenstall Barometers and Thermometers. 12 Suffolk street, Dublin.—(Advt.)

DUBLIN WEATHER REPORT.

Dec.	Bar.	Thermometer. Temp. 9 p.m.	Max.	Min.	Grass Min.	Wind.	Rain, m.m.	Sun hour
29	30.254	36.2	40	35	31	E.	—	—
30	30.056	33.5	37	33	30	S.E.	—	—
31	30.190	36.3	41	33	24	N.W.	—	1.7
Jan.								
1	29.620	52.3	53	41	22	E.	0.4	0.3
2	29.876	40.1	46	40	37	W.	0.4	1.4
3	30.216	40.2	42	36	30	W.	—	2.5

THE SUN.

To-day....Rises ... 8.40 Sets 4.19
To-morrow.. " ... 8.40 " 4.21
Lighting-up Time 5.19

HIGH WATER—DUBLIN.

To-day...Morning 8.38 Afternoon 9.10
To-morrow.. " ... 9.41 " 10.10

TO-DAY'S ENGAGEMENTS.

Rathmines Council, 10 a.m.
Dublin Union Commissioners, 11 a.m.
R.D.S. Lecture, 4 p.m.
Lecture, Rathmines Town Hall, 8 p.m.
Irish Civil Service Permanent Building Society, 4.
Gaiety Theatre—"Robinson Crusoe."
Theatre Royal—"The Police Force."
Abbey Theatre—"Hyacinth Halvey" and "The Glorious Uncertainty."
Olympia Theatre—"Cinderella."
Capitol—"The Whirlwind of Youth," "Ritzy," and Varieties.
Metropole Cinema—"Down Hill."
Grafton Picture House—"Johnny, Get Your Hair Cut."
Corinthian Cinema—"The Ring."
Grand Central—"What Price Glory."
Pavilion Cinema, Dun Laoghaire—"The Beloved Rogue."

MR. THOMAS HARDY.

It was learned yesterday that Mr. Thomas Hardy is making satisfactory progress.

The Irish Times.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4, 1928.

NEWS SUMMARY.

IRELAND.

No agreement having been reached between the railway companies and the Irish Branch of the National Union of Railwaymen as to wages and hours, the proposals will be submitted to the Railway Central Wages Board.—(Page 5.)

If the proposed six hours' motor car race is held in Northern Ireland, it will be run on August 18th next, and a prize fund of £2,000 will have to be raised in the North.—(Page 8.)

A deputation representing the Irish Tourist Association waited upon Mr. Richard Mulcahy, Free State Minister for Local Government, in Dublin yesterday, to ask for assistance from the Government in developing the tourist traffic, especially with regard to publicity abroad. The Minister promised to bring the matter before the Executive Council.—(Page 7.)

GREAT BRITAIN.

The Deputy-Master of the Royal Mint commends to other Governments the Irish Free State scheme for obtaining designs for its new coinage.—(Page 7.)

Five fresh outbreaks of foot-and-mouth disease were confirmed yesterday in Derbyshire and Lancashire.—(Page 8.)

Many deaths through ice breaking under skaters are reported from England, where the floods which followed the thaw are deepening and widening, causing devastation over the whole country.—(Page 7.)

ABROAD

Mr. Howard Carter's latest finds at Luxor include Tut-ankh-Amen's intestines and a wonderful canopic jar.—(Page 7.)

France has been invited to join with the United States in inviting the Powers to sign a treaty renouncing war.—(Page 7.)

SPORTING

At Plumpton yesterday Gibus won the Brighton Handicap Steeplechase.—(Page 10.)

At a meeting of the General Council of Aonach Tailteann last night the Secretary of the Gaelic Athletic Association said that, if that Association was not allowed to have a controlling voice in the Tailteann Games, it would withdraw from the Games. A proposal that it should have a representation equal to the total representation of all other branches of the Games was adopted, and he said that he would put it before his Council.—(Page 5.)

FINANCIAL

London Stock Markets were cheerful, but there was no increase of business. Industrials were rather inactive at the close.—(Page 11.)

Loanable credits in Lombard street were plentiful, and short loans were offered down to 2½ per cent. Discount rates were easier.—(Page 11.)

In Dublin Guinness Shares were a feature, rising 1¼ to 50⅝ and then slipping back to 50. Marconis were a strong market.—(Page 11.)

A Franco-American Pact.

Keen interest has been aroused throughout Europe by the negotiations for a treaty between France and the United States. The Root arbitration treaty between the two countries will expire next month, and the main object of the present conversations is to renew this pact in an amended form. Some months ago, however, M. Briand, the French Foreign Minister, suggested unofficially that an agreement between France and the United States to outlaw war would make a tremendous impression throughout Europe. Apparently, the Washington Government has seized on this idea as a supplement to the proposed treaty of arbitration; for, in a Note to M. Paul Claudel, the French Ambassador in Washington, Mr. Kellogg, President Coolidge's Secretary of State, indicates that his Government would be prepared to consider sympathetically articles of agreement for an anti-war treaty between France and the United States, to which all the other Powers would be entitled to subscribe at a later time. Thus two separate instruments are proposed. The arbitration treaty ought not to be difficult of achievement. Mr. Kellogg suggests that France and the United States shall agree to submit all their differences to international arbitration, except in so far as they may apply to the internal affairs of either signatory, involve a third party, or impinge on the inviolable principle of the Monroe doctrine. France is quite willing to agree to these terms.

The idea of a pact to outlaw war is at least as old as the Holy Alliance. Mr. Kellogg's proposal is that the pact shall be constructed on the snow-ball system—that France and the United States shall make a start, and that then the other Powers shall be gathered in one by one until finally the world will be united against war. From the French point of view there are many objections to the scheme. In the first place, France is a member of the League of Nations, and in that capacity she is bound in certain circumstances to resort to force in defence of its Covenant. Furthermore, she has various treaties and agreements with several European States, with which the pact proposed by Mr. Kellogg would be completely incompatible. Thus opinion in Paris yesterday inclined to the view that the American Secretary of State had tried to take too many fences at once. M. Briand has completed his reply to Mr. Kellogg, which is being cabled to the French Ambassador in Washington without delay. M. Claudel probably will be instructed to conclude the treaty of arbitration as quickly as may be, but it is very doubtful that he will be authorised to proceed with the second instrument until the French Government has found time to explore the situation thoroughly. The outlawry of war is an imposing phrase which appeals peculiarly to the American mind; but the French will not allow themselves to be carried away by any mere formula of words.

What does Washington seek? Nine years ago the President of the United States inaugurated the League of Nations; and a Covenant was devised, pledging the Powers to processes of arbitration and delay in international disputes. Europe received this Covenant with enthusiasm; and there is little doubt that, if the membership of the League had been completed in 1919, the world would have been far closer to a lasting peace than it is to-day. The people of the United States, however, repudiated the work of President Wilson at Paris, and refused to have anything to do with the League which he had created. Since that time the United States resolutely has stood aloof from old world affairs. If its Government desires to outlaw war, why does it not join the League of Nations? If it does not approve of everything in the Covenant, its influence at Geneva would be sufficiently strong to secure amendments and to institute important reforms of various kinds. Surely nothing could be more illogical than an attempt to outlaw war by piecemeal agreements when an international society, which the United States has refused to join, already exists for that very purpose. Europe would be less critical of American good faith if the United States Government were more consistent in its attitude. Its coldness towards the League, coupled with the fact that it proposes to build the world's greatest navy, must prejudice the most unbiassed observer against Mr. Kellogg's scheme.

Experimental Forestry.

This winter has seen much energetic work by the foresters of the Free State Department of Lands and Agriculture in the planting of waste mountain sides with crops of timber. The headquarters from which operations are directed may be sought at Avondale, in County Wicklow, Charles Stewart Parnell's old home. There one hundred acres of typical Irish land are planted in experimental plots, some for demonstration purposes and some for the raising of ordinary forest crops. In the *Empire Forestry Journal* Mr. A. C. Forbes, Director of Forestry for the Free State, gives a useful account of observations made since series of plots were laid down by the Department of Agriculture in 1905-1907. Four main principles governed the scheme of the experimental plots. In the first place, a given species, representing the main crop, was introduced into every plot, forming at least 25 *per cent.* of the total number of trees planted. At a general planting of four feet apart this would provide 680 main crop trees *per* acre at eight feet apart. Secondly, certain species were introduced as nurses. Either these were closely allied to the main crop or were of a sort capable of being turned to account at an early age—thinned out, that is, as a catch crop. The nurses thus not merely served to clean and protect the main crop, but enabled planting to be carried out at a cheaper rate than if the more expensive species alone formed the crop. Thirdly, larch and spruce were used as nurses to all the more important forest trees. Fourthly, pure crops of important species were planted side by side with the same species in mixture, so as to note development under both conditions. While larch and spruce were used in the broad-leaved plots, Scots pine was used as nurse with most of the scarcer pines, beech with larch and oak, ash with oak and walnut. It was found, contrary to experience across the Channel, that a mixture starting with spruce, larch or Scots pine as a nurse for broad-leaved species soon became a pure crop of conifers. The only exception was a mixture of beech and larch. In moist Ireland, apparently, the common coniferous trees grow too rapidly to allow broad-leaved species to keep pace with them. Mixtures of conifers, on the other hand, have proved satisfactory both in the silvicultural and the economic senses. Larch mixed with Douglas fir and Sitka spruce are particularly successful. Of the spruces, Sitka spruce and the ordinary European variety alone gave satisfaction. Sitka spruce and Japanese larch did well together. Of the larches, only Japanese and European succeeded. Species of special interest are *Thuja plicata* and *Cupressus macrocarpa*. These have reached heights of 40 and 50 feet respectively in little over a score of years. "*Cupressus macrocarpa* is a species," Mr. Forbes remarks, "which may have a great future before it in Ireland, provided some satisfactory method for growing it fairly clear of side-branches can be discovered." Experiments are being tried at Avondale by under-planting larch and other light-crowned species with this tree in the hope that partial shade will induce a lighter crown development.

Free State Coins.

In former years most Irishmen would have regarded praise from England as a Greek gift. Happier conditions prevail to-day, and we have no doubt that the Free State Government will blush with pleasure—if, indeed, Governments can blush—at the high compliment which it receives, in his latest report, from the Deputy-Master and Comptroller of the Royal Mint. It concerns the new Free State coinage, and is wholly disinterested, since the Mint was not consulted about this enterprise. The Deputy-Master is an outspoken critic, who, in former reports, has deplored the lack of care that British Governments and public bodies betray in their choice of designs for coins and medals. In the case of the Free State, however, the expert's soul is satisfied completely. He describes in glowing terms the pains which were taken to secure worthy coins—how the Ministry for Finance sought advice from a well-qualified committee; how, when the symbols and inscriptions had been chosen, artists of international repute were invited to submit designs, and by what intelligent co-operation these artists were encouraged to produce good work. When the Mint's report was being drafted the Free State's enterprise had not left the preliminary stage, but the Deputy-Master was confident that the plans contained "all the ingredients of success," and that the results must be satisfactory. He proposes this "admirable scheme" as a model to other Governments, and has recommended it directly to the Government of the Australian Commonwealth, whose existing coinage is "jejune and uninspiring to the last degree." We hope that the new Irish coins—for which zoological designs have been adopted—will fulfil the Deputy-Master's high expectations; and our hope is not less sincere because we remain unconvinced of the necessity of a separate coinage. This is a sort of thing which ought to be done really well if it is to be done at all. The Free State never will be a very rich or, materially, a very powerful community; but her children have imagination, vision and delicacy of hand and eye. They can make their little country famous in the arts, and no fame is more enduring. Already in this matter of coinage, as it seems, they are giving a lead to the British Empire.

Swans in Dublin.

Dr. R. Y. Tyrrell once described Limerick as the only considerable city of Europe where a bittern could be seen, standing on one leg in the main street, in the middle of the day. No doubt, the Shannon scheme has exorcised the last bittern from George's street; and, in any case, the presence of wild birds is no proof that cities are decadent. It suggests rather that some instinct in the creature says: "I need be no longer importunate; here are kindly folk among whom I can come and go without fear." Thus in London, the kindliest of cities, the redwing, a shy visitor from the North, finds sanctuary at St. James's Park, and thus in Dublin the swan begins to make himself quite at home. The stately bird always has frequented the upper reaches of the Liffey and the Dodder, but now he visits canals within the metropolitan boundary, and may be seen, questing for offerings of bread, in the muddy waters between the city bridges. A few weeks ago a swan flew, in leisurely fashion, through Upper Baggot street at a man's height from the ground; and our columns yesterday recorded an accident which has reduced Dublin's swan population by one luckless bird. Messrs. Adam Scott and Co. told us that on New Year's morning a young swan crashed against the top of their premises in Upper Sackville street, and was found dead on the roof of their stores. Perhaps, the bird was very young, and, like Icarus, presumed fatally on its immature strength and skill. Messrs. Scott ask how it came to be so far from its native haunts, and we suggest an answer. During the day swans often swim down the Liffey to its mouth. Having fed there, they return to the upper reaches; but sometimes they find that the tide has gone out, and, being cleanly birds, they make the return journey on the wing—hence, possibly, their occasional presence in unwonted places. At any rate, they like Dublin, and that fact is a tribute to Dublin.

DUBLIN TRIBUTE TO MR. COSGRAVE.

REPRESENTATIVE GUESTS AT DINNER.

The dinner from the citizens of Dublin to President Cosgrave on the occasion of his first official visit to the United States of America, which is to be held in Clery's Restaurant to-morrow evening, is assured of a very large and representative attendance.

Among those who have signified their intention of being present are:—Sir John Purser Griffith, D. O'Hegarty, the Hon. Mr. Justice Wylie, J. M. Fitzgerald, K.C.: E. Bohane, O.B.E.; William McConnell, O.B.E.; G. Marshall Harriss, David Telford, F.C.A.; Sir Thomas Grattan Esmonde, Enri O'Frighie and Mrs. O'Frighie, Senator Oliver St. John Gogarty, Major-General Brennan, General O'Duffy, Louis Cassidy, M.D., and Mrs. Cassidy, Judge O'Brien, Professor J. B. Whelahan, Dr. W. Starkie and Mrs. Starkie, Eoin McNeill and Mrs. McNeill.

Senator Mrs. Stopford Green, Senator Counihan, Senator James Douglas and Mrs. Douglas, Commissioner Murphy, Dr. Coffey, President, University College; Wainwright Abbot and Mrs. Abbot, J. C. M. Eason, President, Chamber Commerce; Dr. Gerald Tierney and Mrs. Tierney, Lord and Lady Longford, John J. Murphy, Chairman, Shannon Board; Captain Nutting, the German Consul-General, the Brazilian Consul, the American Consul and Mrs. Ferris, the Belgian Vice-Consul, the Italian Consul-General and Signora Silemze, the Portuguese Consul-General and Senhora Pessod, the Acting Swedish Consul-General and Mrs. Eriksson, the Spanish Consul and Senora Arregue.

REUNION OF OLD SHIPMATES.

VETERANS OF THE NAVY MEET ON MODERN WARSHIP.

A tea party of a character probably unique in the history of the Navy assembled on board H.M.S. Nelson, the flagship of Vice-Admiral the Hon. Sir Hubert Brand, Commander-in-Chief Atlantic Fleet, at Portsmouth Dockyard yesterday afternoon. The party consisted of some sixty men who served in the second-class cruiser Raleigh between 1885 and 1888, who attended by invitation of Admiral Sir Osmond de B. Brock, Commander-in-Chief, Portsmouth, and Vice-Admiral Sir Hubert Brand, who were senior and junior midshipman, respectively, in the cruiser during those years.

The two Admirals received their guests, who included officers and men of all ranks, and a thoroughly enjoyable reunion of old shipmates followed. Practically all those who attended have left the service long ago.

The party included four Admirals, and also Captain Lionel Wells, of the London Fire Brigade, who was Torpedo Lieutenant in the old Raleigh forty years ago. The Admirals conducted their guests over the giant battleship, showing the many electrical devices now in use and the improvements that have been made in connection with the gunnery of a ship during the years that have elapsed. They were then summoned by a loud speaker to the quarter-deck, where they were photographed, afterwards going to the Admiral's quarters for tea.

Admiral Brock expressed his pleasure at seeing so many of his old comrades once again, and said that they would all be presented with a photograph as a souvenir of the occasion.

Lieutenant-Commander C. Powis and Lieutenant J. R. Saunders returned thanks on behalf of the visitors, and after "a smoke and a yarn" the party dispersed.

LADY ASTOR AND THE TEACHERS.

HELPING A RIDICULOUS OLD WORLD.

That many teach in the schools because of their love for children and a few because they can find nothing better to do, is the view expressed in a characteristic message from Viscountess Astor, M.P., to the New Year issue of *The Schoolmistress*.

"Teachers," says Lady Astor, "know full well what I think of them. My love for children makes me respect and almost reverence teachers. I know that there are many teaching who probably should not be doing so, but I know, too, that there are many teaching because of their love for children and their longing to help this ridiculous and tragic old world along. I look to these gallant souls.

"To the few who teach because they can find nothing better to do, I can only say that it is fatal both for themselves and the children. The letter without the spirit can only work evil. So let us hope that they will strive for the spirit or give up the letter. Anyhow, let us all be a little more honest and unselfish in 1928—for the children's sake."

SURVEYORS OF THE KING'S PICTURES.

The appointments were gazetted last night of Mr. Charles Henry Collins Baker to be Surveyor of His Majesty's Pictures in the room of Sir Lionel Cust, resigned, and of Sir Cecil Harcourt Smith, lately Adviser for the Royal Art Collections, to be Surveyor of His Majesty's Works of Art in the room of Sir Lionel Cust, resigned.

COURT AND PERSONAL.

It is expected that the Duke of York and Prince Henry will be present on Friday at the dinner which the Prince of Wales is giving at Leicester to the farmers of the districts over which he hunts. The guests will include six farm labourers who have worked on the same farms all their lives—one of them for sixty-one years without a break.

Prince Henry will preside at the festival dinner in aid of the funds of the Royal National Orthopædic Hospital, which will be held on Monday, January 30th, in the Mansion House, London.

Princess Marie José, who, with her parents, the King and Queen of the Belgians, is staying at St. Moritz, has been ski-ing daily since her arrival. Princess Louise Duchess of Argyll arrived on the Riviera last week, and is staying at the Grand Hotel, Cap Ferrat, near the Villa Les Bruyéres, where the Duke of Connaught is spending the winter.

Violet Duchess of Rutland is staying with her son and daughter-in-law, the Duke and Duchess of Rutland, at Belvoir Castle, where they entertained a party for Christmas. The Marquis and Marchioness of Exeter and the Earl and Countess of Ancaster are entertaining large house parties for the Stamford Infirmary ball to-night and the Rutland and Stamford Conservative ball to-morrow night. The Marchioness of Carisbrooke will leave London to-morrow for Lincolnshire to visit her brother, the Earl of Londesborough, at Blankney Hall.

Admiral Earl Beatty and Countess Beatty have returned to London from Reigate. Viscount and Viscountess FitzAlan of Derwent left Cumberland Lodge, Windsor, yesterday for Paris, *en route* for the Riviera. Mr. and Lady Evelyn Giffard will leave London to-day for Palma, Majorca. General Sir William and Lady Pitcairn Campbell have arrived at Monte Carlo.

Lady Kathleen Pilkington is at present at Cannes, where she will spend the next three weeks. Lord and Lady Huntingfield are spending this month at Montreux. Lord and Lady De Freyne have returned to French Park from Castle Forbes, where they had been staying with the Earl and Countess of Granard for their covert shoot.

Viscount and Viscountess Powerscourt and the Hon. Doreen Wingfield have arrived in London on a visit to the Dowager Viscountess Powerscourt at her residence in Harley street. Miss Wingfield's marriage with Mr. FitzHerbert Wright will take place at St. Margaret's, Westminster, on Wednesday, January 11th.

Recent arrivals at Cannes include Sir Charles and Lady Wakefield, Sir Douglas and Lady Newton, Sir William and Lady Milton and Colonel Owen Seymour. Lady Alwyne Compton-Vyner, Sir John and Lady Byford, Sir Lisle and Lady Webb, Sir Charles and Lady Jessel, and Colonel H. Des Vœux have arrived at Mentone. Mr. and Lady Katharine Hardy and Major-General Sir Foster Newland have arrived at Bordighera. Sir Michael and Lady O'Loghlen are staying at Beaulieu. Mr. Howard Gould will spend the rest of the winter at Cap Ferrat, where he is renting Mrs. Arthur Wilson's villa.

Dr. Maurice Broderick has left 8 Marine road, Dun Laoghaire, for one month.

Mr. F. W. Coyne has returned to 28 Lower Fitzwilliam street.

Mr. Norman A. Clarke has returned to 35 Harcourt street.

Mr. J. P. O'Tierney has returned to 333 Dalymount, Phibsboro'.

Miss Eveline Burchill returns from London on Monday, 9th January.

The most attractive Coats in Homespun, Harris and Cumberland Tweeds are being offered at abnormally low prices at the Sale now proceeding at Switzers, Grafton street. All their beautiful Model Coats have also been greatly reduced, and many exceptional values in Furs are featured.

Holmes' Sale. Bargains in all Departments. Warehouse open all day Wednesdays.—69, 70, 71 South Great George's street.

Clerys Ladies' Hairdressing Salon. Permanent Waving with latest Eugene apparatus turned out satisfactorily by Experts. Consultations free.

New Year's Gifts. Chancellor's, 7 Grafton st.

Madame Renée's Winter Sale now on. Genuine reductions in all Stock, including Newest Models.—51A Dawson street.

At Slyne's Sale. Model coat in plum-coloured velours with moleskin to tone for 59s. 6d. at Slyne's, Ltd., 71 Grafton street.

PASSENGERS IN ROYAL MAIL STEAMERS.

Arrivals—Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Sheridan, F. C. Eastwood, D. W. Fitzpatrick, G. R. Warren, Miss F. Field, Mrs. and Miss Delany Mulcahy, Miss L. Freeman, Mr. and Mrs. William Hodson Keogh, the Rev. H. Brodie-Good, J. Heron Eccles, Mrs. George Wilson, Colonel C. W. R. Healy, D. Dargan, Frederick Healey, Dr. E. W. Lynch, John Mahaffn.

Departures—E. G. More O'Ferrall, P. E. G. Stokes, Joseph Brennan, Basil Phibbs, Major W. P. Pakenham-Walsh, N. M. King, A. W. Blake-Kelly, A. Horgan-Gaul, A. Shea, F. W. Armstrong, R. Maldwyn Jones, Major A. J. Beveridge, H. Coleman, Lieutenant J. FitzGibbon, R.N.; Lieutenant B. O'Brien, R.N.

PASSENGERS BY B. AND I. LINE, VIA LIVERPOOL.

Arrivals—Sir Thomas Molony, E. B. Keating, C. Hill, A. J. Wheddon, W. S. Smith, T. Harrington, Miss K. Young, Miss H. Lonsdale, A. B. Craig.

Departures—H. Hare, M. Russell, Captain E. C. Clegg, R. Power, G. E. Wake, Miss K. Bond, J. Hoey, A. Hayes, E. Billington.

McBirney's Stocktaking Sale to-day. Entire Stock offered at reduced prices.—Aston's quay.

Don't miss the bargains to be had at our Winter Sale, now on.—The Mansfield Sisters, 28 Wicklow street.

A Genuine Sale of Boys' and Youths' High-class Clothing and Outfitting now on at "Our Boys," 24 Wicklow street.

All Millinery greatly reduced to clear. Genuine bargains.—Cathcart, 26 Dawson st.

Household Effects require careful handling during removal. Consult Pickfords, 43 Dame street, Dublin.

During this month we are selling Remnants of Carpets, Curtains, Linoleums, at a considerable reduction.—Millar and Beatty, Ltd.

TO LADIES.—Elastic Stockings, Belts and Medical Appliances. Artificial Silk Elastic Stockings, flesh, without seam, unnoticed with modern hosiery. Special department for ladies on 1st floor. Lady Attendant.—Fannin and Co., 41 Grafton street.

Annual Winter Sale now proceeding. Genuine Reductions. See windows.—Davis and Co., 45/46 Grafton street.

CHANNEL ISLANDS' WAR CONTRIBUTION.

HALF A MILLION FOR THE TREASURY.

The final contributions of Jersey and Guernsey to the cost of the Great War were received in London yesterday. Jersey's contribution amounted to £300,000, and a cheque for that amount was received at the Treasury. Guernsey's cheque was for £220,000, and was received at the Home Office. The two sister-islands made simultaneous final payment by previous arrangement between themselves.

THE ABBEY THEATRE.

REVIVAL OF "THE GLORIOUS UNCERTAINTY."

Mr. Brinsley MacNamara's three-act comedy, "The Glorious Uncertainty," was revived at the Abbey Theatre last night, and a fairly large audience followed, with keen enjoyment, the amusing presentation of the events connected with the Ballycomoyle Race Meeting and the local "Grand National." Barry Fitzgerald was indiscribably funny as the "priceless" Sammy Price. Peter Nolan and F. J. McCormick were an admirable pair in the parts of two strong farmers—rivals in the race for the "National" and the hand of Susie Cunneen. The latter part was very convincingly played by Eileen Crowe, with Maureen Delaney playing the part of her mother, in that characteristic breezy fashion. P. J. Carolan, as Gabriel Cunneen, the publican who turns to book-making, was a humourous figure. M. J. Nolan, Arthur Shields and Tom Moran completed the cast.

As a second play there was produced Lady Gregory's one-act comedy, "Hyacinth Halvey." In this Arthur Shields was much better than in the preceding play, and he gave a very laughable reading of the part of the unfortunate young man whose life is a burden because of the splendid "character" that he has thrust upon him. Barry Fitzgerald, Peter Nolan and Maureen Delaney also were very humourous in their work, and May Craig, as the priest's house-keeper, and Eric Gorman, as the telegraph boy, were also quite good.

LONDON LETTER.

LONDON'S FLOODS.

59 FLEET STREET, LONDON,
TUESDAY NIGHT.

London to-day is surrounded by floods such as it has not known for many years. Several of the great main roads, hundreds of houses, and vast tracks of land are either covered or surrounded by water. The Thames since yesterday has risen by more than three feet at several of the locks, and conditions threaten one of the most serious of floods experienced for years. All the tributaries of the river are pouring immense quantities of water, created by the melting snow, into the main stream, and the noise at the weirs is extraordinary; for the torrent of water is so immense that a number of men are engaged in keeping the weirs free from the slightest entanglement, so that flooding in the immediate neighbourhood may be averted. Services of motor lorries have been organised in several districts to convey people over stretches of flooded ground in order that they may reach the railway station or their homes.

By-Elections.

Lively contests are promised in the forthcoming by-elections in Faversham, West Bristol and Lancaster; for the Liberals intend to nominate candidates in the three divisions. It is said that all of these will be well known and sturdy supporters of Liberalism, and that in one case a prominent ex-member of Parliament will be selected. The necessary writs will be issued some time this or next week, and it is just possible that the elections will be over before the meeting of Parliament on February 7th. The Conservatives are not dismayed at the prospect of keen contests, and the opinion is expressed at the headquarters that the three seats will be retained with comfortable majorities.

The High Commissioner.

In Irish circles in London there is, naturally, much discussion as to the successor of Mr. McNeill as High Commissioner in London for the Irish Free State. Several names are suggested, but on no authority whatever as far as can be ascertained. The name most mentioned is that of a near relative of one of the members of the Government. It is thought, however, that it is highly improbable that an appointment will be announced until February at the earliest.

The Prayer-book Measure.

The meeting of the English bishops is to take place at Lambeth Palace to-morrow week in connection with the Prayer-book measure, and it is understood that, while new proposals will be considered, they will not be so drastic as is expected in some quarters. Compromise is to be resorted to, and the Archbishop of Canterbury is said to incline to the view that the House of Commons may accept the Book with comparatively slight amendment, and that of a kind which will not be resented by the Anglo-Catholic Party. The Protestants will demand, however, that the Book contains sufficient safeguards before they will allow it to pass into law. It is likely that the solution of the question of such safeguards will be the most difficult point in connection with the amending.

Shop Hours.

The report of the Committee set up to consider the question of shop hours and other vexed points imposed upon the public by the Defence of the Realm Regulations had a very mixed reception to-day. I mentioned last night that the changes were of small importance, unlikely to meet with general approval. The opinion to-day is that the report is a most unsatisfactory compromise, and that the **freedom of the days prior to the war should be restored without question.** The one-man business, it is pointed out, is frequently run by an ex-Service man, quite unable to make a decent living in any other way, yet penalised by having to close his business at an hour when he might expect to do a little trade. He is put on a level with the big stores and the multiple shop system, though his customers are generally people who would prefer to deal with him at their convenience. The recommendations of the Committee are to be embodied in a bill, and this is likely to meet with some little opposition when it comes before Parliament.

Court Presentations.

The Lord Chamberlain to-day closed his list containing the names of those ladies desiring to be presented at Court during the coming season, and it is said that it far exceeds the capacity of any Court or series of Courts that may be held. Lord Cromer will go carefully through the names and prune the list to a more reasonable proportion. Four Courts will be held during the season, and this means that some hundreds of ladies may be presented. The list contains the names of many ladies from the United States anxious to be received at Buckingham Palace.

The Royal Academy.

The winter exhibition at the Royal Academy, which will be opened next week, is to be devoted to the works of dead Academicians, including such artists as Luke Fildes, Solomon McEvoy, Mark Fisher, North Shannon and Cayley Robinson. A number of galleries will be used for the work of these artists, while another gallery, possibly two, will be given to the Guinness collection of sixty-three old masters. It is thought that this collection will prove as great an attraction as the remarkably fine exhibition of Belgian art last year, which was one of the most successful displays ever arranged by the Royal Academy.

Changes at Croydon.

Croydon Aerodrome will undergo important changes on Monday, when the control of all flying operations there will be transferred from a small white tower to a wonderfully arranged room, containing a number of the most delicate instruments. These will indicate the progress of air liners, minute by minute, on all the Continental routes. The pilots will be connected up by wireless telegraphy, and all the departures and landings in the aerodrome will be controlled by electrical machinery. The turning of a switch will operate a great fog-piercing Neon light pyramid of three-quarter of a million candle power, visible in clear light forty miles away, and in fog a guiding star, visible through the densest mist. A luxurious hotel also has been provided for the accommodation of passengers.

The German Constitution.

Observers of German politics on the spot state that the year 1927 is regarded as a comparatively uneventful one, so far as foreign politics are concerned; but they indicate that the year 1928 will possibly witness the beginning, at least, of a great constitutional change. The Federal State, which Bismarck created, survived the disappearance of the Kings, Princes, Grand Dukes, and was continued in the new German Constitution. The difficulties which attended the Federal system have not been diminished, however, and the attitude of the Agent-General with regard to the effect of a Government extravagance upon the reparation payments brought to the front the question of a change in the system. It is thought that a unified State, with a wide system of local government, may not be established this year; but it is believed that there is a determination to make a beginning with the process of forming such a State.

DEATH.

RAMADGE—January 2, 1928, at Rostrevor, Rose Elizabeth, eldest daughter of the late Captain Smith Ramadge, formerly of The Wood House, Rostrevor.

TO RENOUNCE WAR.

AMERICA'S LATEST PROPOSAL.

INVITATION TO POWERS.

PLAN FOR TREATY WITH FRANCE.

A FORMAL invitation to France to join the United States in proposing to all the principal Powers of the world a comprehensive treaty containing a declaration "renouncing war as an instrument of national policy" was made public by the State Department at Washington yesterday.

The invitation was forwarded to Paris on December 28th as an elaboration of the original draft pact of perpetual friendship between France and the United States. On the same date the State Department transmitted a draft treaty to replace the Root Arbitration Treaty with France, which will expire in February. It included in its preamble a proposed general declaration against resort to war.

A copy of this draft is being sent to the British and Japanese Governments, and will eventually be sent to every other Government with which the United States has the Root Arbitration Pact.

The text of the draft of the revised arbitration treaty is not made public by the State Department, and America's proposals are only known in general terms. M. Claudel, the French Ambassador, today called on Mr. Kellogg, the Secretary of State, to discuss various Peace Treaty proposals.

Reuter's Correspondent is informed by the French Embassy, however, that it has still not heard from Paris regarding the attitude of the Quai d'Orsay towards the American suggestion that France and the United States should lead the way in a world-wide movement to persuade all the nations to adhere to an anti-war declaration.

M. BRIAND'S CAUTION.

MANY DIFFICULTIES TO BE OVERCOME.

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.
PARIS, Tuesday.

It is understood this evening that M. Briand's instructions to the French Ambassador in Washington, M. Claudel, with a view to replying to the proposals of Mr. Kellogg, the United States Secretary of State, are ready for cabling to America, if they have not already been despatched.

The sense of M. Briand's instructions were not officially disclosed this evening. Similarly, Mr. Kellogg's suggestions were not revealed by French authoritative circles, which merely intimated that the Washington messages on the subject of a Franco-American pact to outlaw war were accurate in the main. One reason why information is available in Washington and not in Paris is that Washington, and not the French capital, is the seat of negotiations.

TWO-FOLD PLAN.

The position seems to be, in the simplest terms, that Mr. Kellogg proposes two separate instruments—firstly, a renewal in an amended form of the Franco-American Arbitration Treaty; and, secondly, a pact outlawing war which would be open for signature by all the Powers.

There is evidently some urgency in concluding a new arbitration treaty, for the Root Arbitration Treaty expires on February 2nd. On the other hand, the second proposal regarding a pact outlawing war raises complicated questions, such as the pact's relationship towards the obligations of France under the Covenant of the League of Nations, and, particularly in the case of France, its effects upon her special treaties and agreements with various other Powers.

It may be inferred, therefore, that M. Claudel is being instructed to hasten the conclusion of the Arbitration Treaty, which offers but little difficulty, and to pursue surely, but more slowly, the discussion of the peace pact, the realisation of which, if it is to become a reality, will take considerably longer.

ORIGIN OF PROPOSALS.

As it is known, the original idea of the pact was thrown out by M. Briand, in the course of an interview some months ago, when he remarked that it would be a useful and symbolic act if France and the United States were mutually to declare themselves in favour of peace. Hostilities between France and the United States being unthinkable, such a declaration outlawing war could only be platonic, but it would serve as a moral example to encourage the rest of the world.

This idea has been seized upon in the United States, where it has been developed to lengths which M. Briand, presumably, never contemplated. Whatever may be the American motives—domestic, politics, or disarmament, with a weather eye upon the reduction of the British Fleet—Mr. Kellogg's pact proposal raises wide issues demanding mature consideration, and it cannot be expected that France will hastily accept the Secretary of State's proposal in its present form.

FRENCH FINANCE.

FREE IMPORTATION OF GOLD.

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.
PARIS, Tuesday.

The Government has laid on the table of the House a bill for the opening of certain credits and the suppression of others for the year 1927.

The bill provides for credits to a total of 1,009,853,120 francs, and the suppression of credits amounting to 52,068,025 francs, a net excess of 957,785,095 francs. Among the supplementary credits asked for figures the sum of 240,750,000 francs for the Treasury, whose original allocation was calculated on the assumption that the consolidation operation would not exceed 5½ milliard francs. In the circumstances, however, the situation of the market made it possible to consolidate bonds to the value of 26½ milliards.

The bill further provides that the surplus payments by Germany over the sums determined by the law of April, 1926, for the year 1927 will be integrally affected to the settlement of foreign commercial debts.

The bill also provides for the suppression of the turnover tax and import duty upon all gold imports, whether in the shape of specie or bullion—coins, ingots, bars, dust—the Government deeming that it is indispensable to re-establish the gold market, of which Paris used at one time to be the centre. The proposed exemption will probably have the effect of enabling the Bank of France to exercise that control over the money market which is indispensable for its regular working and thus ensure the normal development of credit.

Finally, the bill establishes the following provisional balance for the year 1927 to date December 15th:—Receipts 43,098,252,928 francs, and allocations 42,338,634,662 francs, thus showing a surplus of revenue of 759,618,266 francs. The revenue returns from taxation all show important surpluses.

UNITED STATES AND NICARAGUA.

PROPOSED PUNITIVE EXPEDITION.

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.
WASHINGTON, Tuesday.

The seriousness with which the United States Government evidently regards the situation in Nicaragua is indicated by the announcement this morning that two battalions of marines, under the command of a marine general officer, have been ordered to Nicaragua to participate in a punitive expedition against General Sandino.

The decision to send these reinforcements, which will number about a thousand in all, followed a conference between President Coolidge and Mr. Wilbur, Secretary of the Navy. Pending the arrival of these marines, parties of bluejackets will be landed from the United States Fleet in Central American waters to relieve detachments of marines required for an expedition against so-called bandits.

This afternoon the State Department issued a formal announcement declaring that the United States intended to co-operate fully and effectively with the Nicaraguan Constabulary "in establishing order."

Meanwhile, according to messages received by the Navy Department from Managua, preparations are being energetically made for the wholesale bombing of the mountain and forest strongholds of the "rebels."

The punitive expedition is evidently intended to clear up these areas after they have been bombed.

SEARCHINGS OF HEARTS.

The war-like preparations of the United States Government have caused some searching of heart in certain quarters, not least, perhaps, in those circles where the charge of imperialism against England in regard to her policy in China, Egypt and Ireland has been most frequently heard in recent years.

Several Democratic newspapers are brutally frank in their comments on the situation. One paper goes so far as to say that it is perfectly patent that the American public has been disgracefully "spoofed." Not only has General Sandino's strength been greatly underestimated, but the attempt to make it appear that he and his followers are mere bandits is equally ridiculous. "We should at least be honest with ourselves," it says, "for we fool nobody but ourselves. For the time being, Nicaragua has become an American Protectorate, and what we are doing down there is not fighting bandits, but Nicaraguans in revolt against our rule. We must find a better procedure than killing off vast numbers of native rebels on the pretext that they are bandits."

Some of the newspapers have referred to an interesting link between Nicaragua and the England of Queen Elizabeth's day. The State of Nueva Segovia, in which the fighting has taken place, was raided by the redoubtable Francis Drake. In and around San Fernando many of the present inhabitants are bleeder, who, according to local tradition, are the descendants of the English buccaneers, who settled there after their comrades marched north to Honduras. Curiously enough, the word Drake is still used among the people, both as the name of a medicinal plant and as that of the bogeyman with which parents frighten naughty children.

NIGHT ATTACKS.

FROM "THE TIMES" CORRESPONDENT.
NEW YORK, Tuesday.

The relief column of United States Marines and Nicaraguan National Guards entered Quilai at 3 p.m. yesterday after an engagement with General Sandino's forces, which resulted in a sergeant of Marines being killed and the commanding officer, Lieutenant Richal, seriously wounded, and four privates wounded. This brings the total United States casualties since Friday to six killed and twenty-eight wounded.

The column under Lieutenant Richal had come from Tebaneca, and had reached a point four miles north-west of Quilai on Sunday. It was approaching the last mountain on the line of march to Jicaro River, on which Quilai lies, when a number of General Sandino's men, estimated at 400, attacked it with automatic rifles and dynamite grenades. The Marines were caught as they were climbing Sanotilk Ridge, up a narrow ravine, but after an hour's battle they beat off Sandino's forces, and barricaded themselves on the top of the ridge, where they remained the whole night. Sandino's forces attacked several times during the night without inflicting further losses.

The next day the Marines continued their march to Quilai without incident.

A message was received, signed by Gunnery-Sergeant Brown, who presumably had taken command after Lieutenant Richal was wounded, saying that hospital supplies were urgently needed, and these are being sent to the spot by aeroplanes. The casualties among Sandino's men are still unknown.

GLOZEL DISPUTE.

MR. LOTH SPEAKS OF A NEW COMMISSION.

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.
PARIS, Tuesday.

While epithets and insinuations fly to and fro in the Press, the Glozel controversy has been brought within the august walls of the College of France. Professor Joseph Loth, who, with M. Salomon Reinach and M. Esperandieu, signed the manifesto describing the decision of the Glozel International Commission—to the effect that the finds were not authentic—as "ridiculous," determined to make Glozel, which he regards as a neolithic station of the first importance, the subject of a course of lectures.

At the first lecture to-day Professor Loth described the history of the Glozel finds, which, he declared, were authentic, and then proceeded to refute the arguments set forth in the Commission's report. In conclusion, the lecturer made the interesting announcement that another International Commission would undertake excavations in the spring, and that he himself had been asked to preside over it, though he had not yet given his reply.

In his next lecture on Saturday M. Loth will deal with his personal inquiry into the proceedings and methods of the recent Commission.

FELL INTO POT OF BOILING WATER.

DUNDALK BOY SEVERELY SCALDED.

A boy named Gray, the son of a Dundalk ex-Service man, is in the Louth Infirmary suffering from severe scalding of his legs, sustained through having fallen into a pot of boiling water. The boy, who resides in Legion avenue, was watching a pudding boil when he toppled into the pot.

PRINCE HUNTING UNDER DIFFICULTIES.

Although hunting in the Melton Mowbray (Leicestershire) district is banned by the Foot-and-Mouth Disease Restriction Order, there are some parts of the Cottesmore country which are free, and hunting was resumed with this pack yesterday, the fixture being changed from the kennels to Luffenham Station. The Prince of Wales, who has been spending the week-end in the Midlands, was included in the field. Sport was carried on with difficulty, owing to the sodden state of the ground.

MANY SKATING CASUALTIES.

FROST'S AFTERMATH IN ENGLAND.

FLOODS DEEPENING AND WIDENING.

There was fortunately no recurrence of heavy rains yesterday, and over most of Great Britain the weather was fair and dry, with a low enough temperature to prevent any very rapid melting of snow-drifts. Local showers occurred in Wales and Western England.

Frost returned to many districts in the early morning, ten to twelve degrees being registered on the ground in parts of Scotland, and six to eight degrees at some places in the South of England, but during the day the thermometer mounted well above the freezing point everywhere. In general the readings were about normal for mid-winter.

The sky was mainly clouded in some districts, including London, and there was some local fog, but in other parts the sun shone nearly all day. With light northerly winds and dry air the temperature fell rather sharply last evening, and by 8 p.m. there were several degrees of frost on the ground in London suburbs and elsewhere. As in the early morning, a thin layer of ice made the streets and pavements treacherous in many places.

A large anti-cyclone, which is extending north-eastwards of the Azores, is likely to maintain generally fair, quiet weather over England for the next day or two, although some fog will develop, especially inland, at night and in the morning. The temperature should remain near the normal for January, and night frosts will be keen over a wide area. In Scotland milder weather is indicated, with occasional rain, particularly in the North.

In the meantime the floods are deepening and spreading, and the tale of disaster grows. Several deaths have occurred through ice giving way on skating ponds; and in the Cairngorm hills, Inverness-shire, a Glasgow University professor was found dying in the snow.

FOUND DYING ON SNOWCLAD HILLS.

UNIVERSITY MAN'S FATE: COMPANION MISSING.

Two mountaineers scaling the snow-covered Cairngorm group at Aviemore, Inverness-shire, on Monday, found, lying exhausted and almost buried in snow, a young Glasgow University student, Thomas Baird, whose home was at Balmore, near Glasgow.

The mountaineers rendered every assistance, and sent for medical aid for Baird, who appeared to be suffering seriously from exposure. He died, however, before a doctor could arrive. He is believed to have been lying for some time at the spot where he was found.

Mr. Baird was a Master of Arts and an assistant demonstrator in geology at Glasgow University. It is reported that when he set out on his expedition he was accompanied by a student from the University, who is missing. The young men are believed to have lost their way in the mountains, as during the past few days there has been a heavy fall of snow in that particular area.

Hugh Barrie, the missing student, lives in Swinton Crescent, Baillieston, Lanarkshire. He is a prominent member of the Officers' Training Corps, assistant editor of the *Glasgow University Magazine*, and a leading badminton exponent.

MANY SKATERS LOSE THEIR LIVES.

GALLANT ATTEMPTS AT RESCUE FAIL.

Several lives were lost yesterday by the breaking of ice on ponds. In three cases gallant attempts at rescue failed.

Alfred Freeman, a well-known Wigan water polo player, made a heroic attempt at rescue when Harold Barker (11) fell through the ice while skating at Wigan. Freeman, taking off his clothes, dived underneath the ice from a boat, which had been pushed through the broken ice to the spot where the boy was drowning. He recovered the body, but life was extinct.

Alice Grainger (12), of Oxford street, Leigh, Lancs., and Lily Dutton (11), of Wigan road, Leigh, were sliding on a big pond near Firs Mills, Leigh, when the ice gave way and both were thrown into the water.

John Holcroft, a pit lad, crawled on the ice and dragged out Lily Dutton. As he was trying to rescue Alice Grainger the ice broke again. He was seized with cramp and was pulled out. The girl was drowned.

LOST HIS LIFE FOR HIS DOG.

When his dog ran on to a frozen pond at Lowestoft, Arthur Burrell, a schoolboy, went after it. The ice broke and Burrell disappeared. Other boys ran for help, and after about half an hour Burrell's body was recovered from under the ice. The dog escaped. This was the third ice fatality at Lowestoft in a week.

William Hewitt (9) fell through the ice on a brickpond at Hull and was drowned. His body was recovered by the police.

Three boys, John and William Shephard and William Falcon, aged 11, 12 and 10 years respectively, were drowned through the ice on Barepot Pond, near Workington, Lancs., collapsing yesterday morning. Two bodies were recovered by a miner, David Holmes, and a local scoutmaster, W. Housman, dived three times through the hole in the ice without finding the third body.

RAILWAY BRIDGE COLLAPSES.

NARROW ESCAPE OF A MAIL TRAIN.

A small under-line bridge near Angel road, Edmonton, Middlesex, on the London and North-Eastern Railway, collapsed late on Monday night just after a mail train had passed. All main line traffic between London and Cambridge had to be diverted.

The accident was caused by the giving way of the banks of what is called Black Ditch owing to the great volume of water from the River Lea passing down. Four sets of rails and sleepers were left high and dry in the air, while in the chasm below there were masses of the bricks and stonework of the bridge.

Flood-water rushed beneath the line, and a great pit by its side, which was virtually empty up to the time of the overnight subsidence, became twenty-five feet deep in water. The pit is half a mile long and two hundred yards wide.

ANOTHER BRIDGE IN PERIL.

Mr. Sydney Wells, the local member of Parliament, organised a fight against the flood, which had to be abandoned later, at Felmersham, Bedfordshire. Large blocks of ice were being carried against the buttresses of the stone-built bridge over the Ouse, and Mr. Wells had his men stationed on the bridge to keep the ice clear so far as possible; but they had to be withdrawn by horse and cart, as it was felt that the bridge was unsafe.

Expert opinion decided late yesterday afternoon that Felmersham Bridge, near

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IRISH COINAGE.

THE FREE STATE SCHEME.

BRITISH EXPERT'S OPINION.

"WHOLLY COMMENDABLE."

In his annual report the Deputy-Master and Comptroller of the Royal Mint commends to other Governments the Irish Free State scheme for obtaining designs for its new coinage.

"The Irish Free State Coinage Act," the report says, "was passed early in the year 1926. The half-crown, florin and shilling are to be struck in silver 750 fine, sixpences and threepences in pure nickel, and pence, halfpence and farthings in bronze. The new departures in the matter of alloys are striking and wholly commendable. The careful procedure adopted in order to obtain really worthy designs is also so admirable, that, although the Royal Mint was in no way concerned in it, I shall, I am sure, be forgiven for describing it in full.

"As a first step a strong committee was appointed by the Minister of Finance to advise the Government on the designs suitable for the new coins, and by the autumn the particulars with regard to size and form having been determined together with the symbols and inscriptions required to be represented on the coins, an invitation was sent to seven selected artists, at least three of whom enjoy an international reputation, from different countries, including, of course, Ireland herself, to submit models in plaster, composition or metal, and capable, if not of the exact dimensions of the coins to be issued, of reduction by mechanical process to those dimensions.

THE ARTISTS' DESIGNS.

"Each of the artists invited to submit designs was informed who his competitors were. A nominal fee was authorised in recognition of the submission of models for the obverse and for five of the reverse types laid down. The artists were desired to submit with each model a statement of their charge in the event of any model being accepted for execution. While not binding themselves to accept any model submitted, the committee reserved the right to exhibit in public or to reproduce in print any of those submitted, whether they were ultimately accepted for execution or not, but undertook to furnish for the opinion of the artists concerned, advanced proofs of any printed reproduction which it was proposed to publish.

"The committee, whose decision in all matters concerning the competition was, subject to the approval of the Minister of Finance, to be final, further required, with the acceptance of any artist taking part, an undertaking to assist, if required to do so, the experts of whatever mint might be employed by the Government in the execution of any accepted design. Photographs of the inscriptions and also of the various symbols required were supplied by the committee. The final date for submitting models and designs was the 31st January, 1927. Consequently no decision could be announced in the year under review. I am confident, however, that the results must prove satisfactory; certainly the measures taken to that end contain all the ingredients of success.

"THIS ADMIRABLE SCHEME."

"I have taken the liberty to refer here in some detail to this admirable scheme because I feel that it might well serve as a model for any Government embarking on the difficult task of obtaining designs for a new coinage. It embodies all the essential elements in the preparation of a worthy coinage or a good medal—reliance upon an expert committee without undue disturbance at the hands of statesmen—a broad and liberal catholicity in the selection of the artist without regard to nationality or origin, ample time and an insistence upon the responsibility of the selected artist for satisfying himself that the dies represent the real intentions of his model, points which seem obvious enough when set out in cold print, but which in practice are so frequently disregarded with the most disastrous results. Indeed, I have already taken the opportunity to recommend the adoption of a competition along similar lines for the consideration of the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia.

"I must regretfully admit that the existing designs of the Australian coins had their origin in the London Mint; for they are jejune and uninspiring to the last degree. The Coat of Arms which forms the reverse design of the Australian silver coinage is not only itself out of date, but has been ill-adapted for the purposes of a coin design. The design, too, of the reverses of the bronze coins is of poor conception.

COMMEMORATIVE COINS.

"It had been hoped when I was in Australia early in the year that it might have been possible to make plans for a new and worthier set of coins, the first issue of which might have coincided with the opening of the Federal Parliament at Canberra. But a peculiarly crowded session rendered it impossible to devote to this subject the careful consideration and ample time that, as I have pointed out above, are so necessary to make a success of projects of this kind, and our energies had, therefore, to be confined to the production of a special commemorative florin for 9th May, 1927. During Mr. Bruce's visit to London for the conference in 1926, the designs for this piece were finally agreed with him, and the preparation of the master dies here for shipment to Melbourne was at once set in hand.

"For the obverse a modified bust of His Majesty by Sir Bertram Mackennal was used. The reverse was prepared by Mr. Kruger Gray, and displays the characteristics of his fine work in spite of the extreme difficulty incurred in representing the new Parliament House upon a coin which is only 1-12 inch in diameter. Such commemorative coins struck in limited numbers, after which the dies are destroyed, and bearing designs recording the anniversaries of historical events, etc., are frequently issued by foreign Governments, and notably by the United States of America. These are sometimes an adornment to the collector's cabinet and sometimes are not. The Australian piece, which was duly struck at the Melbourne Mint and issued for the opening of Canberra in the current year, is the first of such commemorative coins to be issued, at any rate for very many years, within the British Empire."

WIRELESS AT SEA.

MARCONI AND RADIO COMPANIES.

The two British marine wireless companies—the Marconi International Marine Communication Company, Ltd., and the Radio Communication Company, Ltd., have come to an agreement to amalgamate their operating and inspection services. A joint service department has been organised under the name of British Wireless Marine Service, which will in future deal with all matters relating to the appointment of operators to ships, the organisation of marine telegraph traffic, the fitting, maintenance and repair of ship wireless installations, and the provision of wireless service depôts for ships in all parts of the world.

"Death caused by a thorn," was the verdict at Mold, Flintshire, yesterday, on Joseph Catherall, aged sixty-six, of Buckley, Catherall. An employé of the urban council, he was clearing overhanging briars from a pathway, when a thorn penetrated his finger, causing blood-poisoning.

TUT-ANKH-AMEN'S INTESTINES.

FURTHER FINDS AT LUXOR.

A WONDERFUL CANOPIC JAR.

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.
LUXOR, Tuesday.

The latest find of Mr. Howard Carter, the celebrated Egyptologist, who resumed operations at Tut-Ankh-Amen's tomb in October last, is a wonderful canopic jar containing the King's intestines.

This jar is of beautifully carved alabaster, and is unique. It was discovered in the inner chamber.

Many other articles were found—chiefly statues of the King and the gods.

In December Mr. Howard Carter completed his examination of the last room or ante-chamber, containing many baskets of nuts and various grains.

Many alabaster vases have been removed from the tomb to the workshop for repairs and eventual despatch to Cairo Museum. The chamber also contains a quantity of furniture.

The articles found in the ante-chamber are not so valuable, apart from the canopic jar, as those discovered in the other rooms.

It is announced that the tomb of Tut Ankh-Amen will be open to visitors from January 15th on three days a week.

CALIGULA'S GALLEYS.

PROPOSED SALVAGE AFTER NINETEEN CENTURIES.

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.
ROME, Tuesday.

Five Italian firms this morning, in the presence of Signor Mussolini, signed an agreement by which they undertake to recover one of the two Imperial Roman barges that are at the bottom of Lake Nemi. The work, which will be done without help from the State, is expected to last about ten months.

The Lago di Nemi is a picturesque sheet of water filling a crater in the Alban Hills, some twenty miles south-east of Rome. It was a favourite pleasure resort of early Roman Emperors, and Caligula is known to have had two wonderfully decorated barges, on which he used to cruise about its placid surface. The remains of these barges have been located at the bottom of the lake.

THE RELEASE OF CAPTAIN LALOR.

HONOUR FOR FEARLESS MISSIONARY.

Last night's *London Gazette* announces the appointment of the Rev. Forbes Tocher to be a Commander of the Order of the British Empire.

Mr. Forbes Tocher, of the Church of Scotland Mission, carried out the negotiation with Yangtze pirates for the release of Captain Lalor, of the steamer Siangtan, who was kidnapped from his vessel while it was anchored near Paiyang, thirty miles below Ichang, on November 30th last.

In the words of the Admiralty *communiqué*:—"The release of Captain Lalor was effected through the agency of the Rev. Forbes Tocher, who showed a fearless determination and perseverance under the most difficult circumstances."

The pirates, numbering 30, approached the steamer in sampans, and attacked those on board, killing three of the Chinese crew. Captain Lalor was taken to Paiyang and a ransom of £10,000 was demanded.

Mr. Tocher opened negotiations with the pirates, and had two or three interviews with their chiefs. Ultimately it was agreed by Mr. Tocher to pay 22,000 dollars (£2,000), 2,000 dollars down and 20,000 when Captain Lalor was given up. On the evening of December 12th Mr. Tocher again visited the pirates' rendezvous, and Captain Lalor was handed over and taken on board His Majesty's ship Bee.

PERIL OF THE ICE.

SEVEN CHILDREN CARRIED OUT TO SEA.

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.
WILHELMSHAVEN, Tuesday.

Seven children who were playing on the ice in the harbour here to-day, were carried out to sea when the tide came in this afternoon; for the ice floe on which they were broke off and was borne away by the strong undercurrent.

It was feared that they were doomed, as for a time all attempts to rescue them failed. The battleship Schlesien attempted to find them with her strong searchlights, and a number of tugs burned sky-rockets to attract the children's attention. All along the strand portable searchlights played on Jade Bay. The tide came in at four o'clock, and at six o'clock the children's cries could still be heard, but the rescue parties then had little hope of saving them.

The children were rescued by a naval vessel after they had been drifting for four hours.

CANADIAN FAMILY DROWNED.

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.
OTTAWA, Tuesday.

According to intelligence from Cobalt, Ontario, a recent settler near there drove his automobile off the ice into the open water of Lake Timiskaming, and was drowned with his wife and three children, and an adult relative.

TRAINS COLLIDE.

TEN PERSONS INJURED IN YUGO-SLAVIA.

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.
BUDAPEST, Tuesday.

A report from Belgrade announces that a goods train and a passenger train came into collision near Perles to-day.

Ten persons were injured. The number of those who have been rescued is at present unknown. The damage is estimated at nine million dinar.

INDIAN STATUTORY COMMISSION.

COLONEL LANE-FOX ON ITS TASK.

Colonel Lane-Fox, British Minister for Mines, who is a member of the Commission on Indian Affairs, told a meeting of his constituents at Leeds yesterday that he would be leaving England on January 12 for India, and would be absent until early in April. The Commission would return to India in September.

He said that the Commission was not going to be a joy-ride, as some people seemed to imagine. They were confronted with a very laborious task in the collection of evidence, and their report must of necessity be of a controversial character, dealing with subjects on which there was very strong feeling, and which, if not carefully handled, might become very bitter. They had to convince India that the Commission were not going out in any sense of establishing their rights as a conquering race, but merely to collect evidence, and to suggest to Parliament extensions or modifications of the reforms. Upon the success of the Commission depended the welfare of India.

LATE NEWS.

THE FIGHTING IN NICARAGUA.

EFFECT ON THE HAVANA CONFERENCE.

FROM "THE TIMES" CORRESPONDENT.
WASHINGTON, Tuesday.

Strong reinforcements of the Marine Corps are to be sent immediately to Nicaragua, where the continued activity of the forces, consistently described here as bandits, is causing renewed concern. The prevailing feeling in Washington is uneasiness, rather political than military in its origin, and has to do with the unfortunate effect on the coming Pan-American Conference at Havana of a considerable and coincident parade of United States armed forces in Central America. The delegates of Nicaragua to that conference will, of course, be the highly conformist representatives of the Government of President Adolfo Diaz, who has been maintained in office by United States marines, but the opposition will also be there, and will find many eager to hear their story. Unless some miraculous change should be brought about in the next fortnight this can hardly fail to be a source of much embarrassment.

This country has only once before in its history sent as imposing a group of public men to any political gathering, and that fact is the measure of importance attached at this time to the general policy of appeasement in the Western hemisphere. Needless to say, no embarrassment of this kind is likely to make any change in the United States policy as it affects Nicaragua and the Central American region in general. Since President Coolidge last April, in a speech at New York, made his oblique reference to the sort of mandatory relationship existing between the United States and that part of the world the future course of events has been clear. It remains to be seen whether Latin America can be brought to accept it as necessary and desirable.

FORD AND GENERAL.

SUGGESTED UNION OF INTERESTS.

In a leading article the *Financial News* remarks:—Rumours, which we give with all reserve, are in circulation regarding a scheme for financial co-operation between the Ford interests and General Motors. According to one story this is to assume the form of a purchase by Mr. Ford of a substantial holding in General Motors. There is nothing inherently improbable in such a suggestion, which would represent the tendency common in the United States and most other industrial countries to eliminate or reduce competition by a union of interests.

General Motors are, of course, Ford's most serious competitors, and the two concerns between them control the bulk of the American motor car industry. The former undertaking owns or controls the Buick, Chevrolet, Cadillac, Oakland, Oldsmobile and other factories; does an immense business in commercial vehicles; has an English, Irish and Canadian subsidiary, and recently obtained control of Vauxhall Motors, Ltd. In recent years the market for the Ford car has undergone a considerable invasion by General Motors, who have built up a great domestic and foreign trade in light vehicles. Under these conditions an alternative to unrestricted competition might well commend itself to the administrations of both undertakings.

INDUSTRIAL PEACE MOVEMENT.

PRELIMINARY MEETING.

It was officially announced yesterday afternoon that arrangements had been made for a preliminary meeting in London on Thursday, January 12th, between the General Council of the Trades Union Congress and the group of employers associated with the industrial peace project. A special meeting of the General Council will be held on the morning of that day to receive a report from the sub-committee on the subjects proposed for discussion. The sub-committee has been quietly at work preparing the ground for the conference.

FIRE AT FIRE BRIGADE STATION.

UNIFORMS AND HELMETS DESTROYED.

A fire broke out yesterday at the Central Fire Station, Halesowen, Worcestershire, during the temporary absence of the officials in charge. A passer-by saw flames leaping up to the roof, and raised an alarm. The fire was put out by a man at work in an adjoining office, who forced an entrance to the premises. Six sets of firemen's uniforms, together with boots and helmets, were destroyed, and the motor engine was scorched.

THE COTTON TRADE.

EFFORT TO REDUCE COSTS OF PRODUCTION.

Conversations continue between the Federation of Master Cotton Spinners' Associations and the Cotton Spinners' and Manufacturers' Association regarding a concerted effort to reduce the costs of production. The report drawn up by the Federation has been considered by the Manufacturers' Association, and their reply was submitted to a meeting of the committee of the Federation in Manchester yesterday. The proceedings were private, and no statement was issued.

FATAL GUN ACCIDENT.

MAJOR SHOT DEAD.

Major Richard F. D. Bruce, of Collieton Castle, Arbroath, Forfarshire, was accidentally shot dead at the Castle yesterday afternoon. He was in the hall, preparing a double-barrelled gun, with a view to going duck-shooting with Mrs. Bruce and his brother-in-law, Mr. Julius Neville, when the gun went off, and Major Bruce was wounded in the head. Immediate assistance was forthcoming, but he was found to be dead.

A son of the late Hon. Frederick J. Bruce son of the eighth Earl of Elgin, Major Bruce was 54 years of age. He served in the war with the 5th Black Watch, and was wounded. At the end of the war he continued his connection with the Arbroath detachment of the Black Watch Territorials, which he commanded.

CHILD VICTIMS OF COTTAGE FIRE.

FOUR BURIED IN ONE COFFIN.

The four child-victims of the cottage fire at Lower Royd, Meltham, near Huddersfield, last Sunday morning were interred at Meltham Church Cemetery yesterday in the presence of hundreds of sympathisers. The children were all buried in one coffin, which bore two plates recording their names and ages. The father, Mr. Thomas Haigh, was present, but the mother was too ill to attend. Virtually the whole village was in mourning.

THE POLISH CHESS CHAMPION.

NEW YORK, Tuesday.

It is announced that Akiba Rubinstein, the chess champion of Poland and the winner of several European championships, is expected to arrive shortly in the United States on a professional tour.—(Reuter.)

IRISH TOURIST DEVELOPMENT.

MONEY REQUIRED FOR PROPAGANDA.

GOVERNMENT'S AID ASKED.

CORK FAVOURS JOINT CONTROL.

The Irish Tourist Association, Dublin, which, with very limited means, has done excellent work in developing the tourist traffic in the Irish Free State, is anxious to accomplish much more in the immediate future. Money, however, is necessary to carry on a sustained and well-directed propaganda abroad, and the Association's income of £13,000 is not sufficiently large to permit it to do this.

With the object of securing assistance in this direction a representative deputation waited on the Government in Dublin yesterday afternoon to ask their help in the good work in which the Association is engaged.

THE DEPUTATION.

The deputation consisted of Mr. J. C. Foley (Cork), President of the Association; Sir Maurice O'Connell (Killarney); Mr. M. F. Keogh (Great Southern Railways), Vice-President; Mr. P. W. Kenny, Senator (Chairman, General Council of County Councils); Mr. W. Baird (Burns and Laird Line); Mr. J. W. Monegal, T.D. (Connemara); Mr. W. Giles (Thomas Cook and Son); Mr. E. W. Manger (Great Western Railway); Mr. James Reidy (Mayor of Clonmel); Mr. J. W. Manning (Jury's Hotel); Mrs. Maud Walsh (Pembroke Urban Council); and Mr. J. P. O'Brien, Secretary. The deputation was received by Mr. Richard Mulcahy (Minister for Local Government), who represented Mr. McGilligan (Minister for Industry and Commerce).

Having pointed out what a great asset tourist traffic was to any country, Mr. Foley said that they required the aid of the Government in their work of developing this valuable traffic, particularly with respect to publicity in Great Britain, the United States, and other foreign centres. He spoke of the vital necessity that exists for the establishment of tourist bureaux in foreign centres, and impressed on the Minister the need for improvements in conditions in Ireland with regard to visitors.

The subject of the application was discussed at much length, and the Minister promised to bring the matters before the Executive Council at the earliest moment.

BRITISH AND AMERICAN TOURISTS.

It is interesting to note that the American tourist traffic to Ireland in 1913 totalled 15,551 visitors. In 1926, which was the best post-war year, the visitors numbered 10,528, and in 1927 the number increased to 12,500, so that the traffic is gradually getting back to pre-war volume.

With regard to the English traffic to the Free State it is very difficult to compute the number of tourists, as no record is kept which would distinguish between tourists and other visitors; but for the nine months ended last September 22,900 more persons came from England to the Free State than in the same period in the previous year.

TOURIST TRAFFIC IN EUROPE.

The development of the tourist traffic has been recognised by most of the European States, and by some of the British Dominions, as an object of the first importance to the well-being of the community. The expenditure of American visitors to Europe in 1925 is estimated at £100,000,000, and of this about £40,000,000 was diverted to France. British visitors in the same period left £10,000,000 in France, where a separate Government department embarked on heavy expenditure on publicity many years ago.

In 1924 this department spent six million francs on tourist development and propaganda, which they increased by 15 per cent. in 1925. Publicity and Bureau expenditure on behalf of Germany in the United States of America amounted to £47,000 in 1925. Switzerland spent on tourist development in 1926 £23,000, and its revenue from tourists in 1925 reached £16,000,000. Italy spent something like £40,000 on the same work, and English visitors in 1924 spent in that country £6,000,000, her total income from tourists in 1925 being estimated at £250,000,000.

THE FREE STATE'S POSITION.

Norway and Sweden allocate £8,000 from State funds for publicity, and this is augmented by steamship companies which carry the traffic. The New Zealand Government gave £40,000 for publicity in 1925, and congratulated themselves on the increase of tourist traffic from 7,000 to 10,000 in two years.

Great Britain and the Irish Free State are the only European tourist countries in which Government grants are not provided for tourist development. Great Britain's unique world position and her controlled steamships, however, secure her valuable publicity. The Irish Free State is without these valuable advertising aids, and in view of the many millions spent by tourists in Europe, the Irish Free State, situated as it is on the very fringe of this great tourist centre, ought to get a fairly large slice of what is being distributed within a day's journey of her shores.

SOLID ACHIEVEMENT.

Mr. J. C. Foley, President of the Tourist Association, in the course of an interview yesterday, said to an *Irish Times* representative: I am glad to say that the stable conditions for which the friends of Ireland have been looking are restored, and that I can claim a distinct measure of success for the Irish Tourist Association in the promotion of its objects during 1927. It has been a year of solid achievement, and now, on the threshold of the new year, my message to our friends everywhere is one of assurance that we are not going to rest content with this success.

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and will put forth increased effort to attract and please visitors to Ireland in 1928.

The splendid sporting and natural attractions of Ireland are constant quantities. We have made arrangements for perfecting our information and publicity services through our bureaux, by increasing the detail and the numbers of our publications. Our hotels, roads, and modes of conveyance have been improved and extended; hence we are in a position to cater satisfactorily for larger numbers than heretofore.

I feel that we have committed to our care Ireland's old-time record for hospitality to her guests, and we will leave nothing undone to justify our stewardship of this very honourable tradition.

THE TWO ASSOCIATIONS.

CORK AND JOINT CONTROL.

FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.

CORK, Tuesday.

Inquiries which were made here to-day showed that members of the Irish Tourist Development Association in Cork would support any movement tending towards the joint control of the tourist traffic in all Ireland. They realise that this question is one far removed from party politics, and, as a matter of fact, the Cork branch of the Free State organisation since its formation has been working in perfect harmony with the Ulster Tourist Development Association. In proof of their efforts to promote good feeling between the two associations it may be mentioned that last year an invitation was extended to members of the Northern Association to visit this area and make an extended tour of the district.

It was not found practicable to accept the invitation last year, but I am informed that it is highly probable that a tour will be made this year by the Ulster Association.

AN INQUIRY FROM GERMANY.

The necessity for a working arrangement between the two bodies was demonstrated by Mr. C. Flynn, the Secretary of the Cork branch of the Irish Tourist Development Association, who told me that within the past few days he had received an inquiry from Germany asking for a list of hotels in Ireland. As matters stand now, he could only furnish a list of those hotels in the Free State, and the incident serves to show how a mutual arrangement would benefit both organisations and the areas for which they are working. It is pointed out that one of the first difficulties in the matter of joint control would be the establishment of headquarters for the controlling body; but the suggestion is made that a Central Committee could be appointed to meet alternately in Dublin and Belfast, say once a fortnight.

An arrangement of this kind might be inconvenient to members of the Association in Cork who might be appointed to act on the Central Committee, but, so far as I can gather, they would support the scheme in the interests of the whole of Ireland. In this way the two bodies would virtually remain separate entities, each contributing 25 per cent. of its fund towards the expense of an external campaign in the United States and elsewhere.

EFFORTS IN THE NORTH.

PROPAGANDA IN THE UNITED STATES.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

BELFAST, Tuesday.

The leading article in the *Irish Times* to-day urging greater efforts in the direction of inducing tourists to visit Ireland is welcomed in commercial and business circles in Belfast. Notwithstanding the great improvements which have taken place in recent years, largely through the efforts of both the Free State and the Ulster Tourist Development Organisations, it is recognised that the number of visitors to Ireland from America and Great Britain could be still largely increased.

In this matter both the Free State and the Ulster Tourist Development Associations are working in friendly co-operation. American and British visitors who come to the North of Ireland are encouraged to visit the South of Ireland, and those who arrive first in the Free State are urged to see the whole of Ireland, and every possible facility is placed at their disposal. American tourists visiting Europe are not much concerned with political or Customs boundaries, and it is right that when they touch Ireland they should be induced to stay as long as possible in the country, and see as much of it as they can, both North and South.

LANTERN LECTURES FOR AMERICANS.

During the present winter a series of lantern lectures has been given in the United States under the auspices of the Ulster Tourist Development Association, and this should be reflected in the increased number of tourists who will visit Ireland during the coming holiday season.

Similarly illustrated lectures are being given in Birmingham and the English Midlands under the auspices of the Great Western Railway, and the Ulster Tourist Development Association is also co-operating in this publicity campaign. A new Ulster Guide Book for 1928 will shortly be issued, combining the best features of previous publications with much additional up-to-date information, and it has also been decided to reissue the special Ulster poster which was so successful last year.

CANADA'S EXAMPLE.

In a circular issued to-day the Ulster Tourist Development Association draws attention to the manner in which the tourist traffic is being developed in Canada, and points out that during the past season the tourist traffic brought into the province of Ontario alone eight million dollars, an increase of 375 per cent. compared with 1926. The population of Ontario is, roughly, sixty per cent. greater than that of Northern Ireland. The circular proceeds:—Since its inception 3½ years ago the Ulster Tourist Development Association has endeavoured, with the limited means at its disposal, to do this, but competition is very severe, and it requires large sums of money: (a) to persuade the public that Ulster is at peace; (b) to advertise the beauty spots; (c) to invite the public, in competition with other resorts, to visit the province. It is a well-known fact that the average Ulsterman does not like to give money unless he sees a good return for it, but he has never been niggerdly when the cause was a good one, and surely the example of Canada should act as an incentive. Tourist traffic means fresh money coming into a country, and a large percentage of profit.

The initial advertising of a town, district or country costs a small amount, but every additional tourist benefits the railways, the steamship companies, the 'buses, the hotels or boarding houses. And what do additional visitors in the hotels or boarding houses mean? They mean additional meat, potatoes, vegetables, fruit, etc., which have all got to be bought from the shopkeeper or farmer, who, by selling his produce locally, saves the shipping costs, but it means more—it means new painting of hotels, boarding houses, etc.; new linens, new carpets, etc., in fact, a large proportion of the money which is handed to the hotel or boarding house proprietor has to be disbursed again to the shopkeeper or farmer. The farmer runs the risk of a bad year, the railway runs the risk of a strike, but, with organised tourist traffic there is no risk—it is all fresh money coming into the country to be disbursed.

BURGLARS IN CORK.

AN ORGANISED GANG.

FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.

CORK, Tuesday.

During the past few weeks there has been a regular epidemic of burglaries in private houses in Cork City and the suburbs. That the perpetrators of the outrages are organised is, to some extent, indicated by the methods that they employ. It would appear as if the houses had been kept under observation, as in almost every instance the burglaries were committed between seven o'clock and midnight, when the occupants were out at the theatres or visiting their friends during the Christmas season.

The thieves are apparently possessed of a stock of skeleton keys, as in no instance has their means of entrance to the houses been disclosed.

The Civic Guard authorities are pursuing active enquiries into the matter, but so far no arrests have been made.

CHURCH OF IRELAND

ARCHBISHOP OF DUBLIN'S PASTORAL LETTER.

THE GROWTH OF GAMBLING.

The Archbishop of Dublin has issued the following letter to the clergy of the United Diocese of Dublin and Glendalough and Kildare:—

"The Palace, Dublin,
"December 30th, 1927.

"REVEREND AND DEAR BRETHREN,—The following are the arrangements which I propose in connection with the work of the diocese for 1928, and which I hope you will find convenient:—

JANUARY 29th (FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY)—ANNUAL COLLECTION IN AID OF THE POOR PARISHES FUND AND OTHER DIOCESAN NEEDS.

"Full information as to these funds will be found in the accompanying statement, which has been drawn up by the Diocesan Secretary. I suggest Sunday, January 29th, as a suitable day on which to bring these various claims before your congregations; but if that day should prove unsuitable, some other Sunday in the year might be chosen for the purpose.

"The Poor Parishes Fund, the resources of which can be applied either to sustentation or to augmentation, provides virtually the only free money at the disposal of the Diocesan Council. It helps to maintain the ministrations of the Church in districts too poor to provide the stipend of a clergyman unaided. Experience proves also that it is a most valuable means of encouraging parishes on the border-line to provide minimum stipends. The strengthening of this fund by increased annual contributions from the parishes throughout the diocese is greatly to be desired. There are still far too many parishes in the united diocese whose stipend is below, while some are substantially below, the minimum fixed in 1920.

FEBRUARY 26th (FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT)—TEMPERANCE.

"It is customary for this subject to be referred to in the sermons preached on the First Sunday in Lent, and I hope that the clergy of the diocese will, as usual, preach on, or in connection with, temperance on this occasion. If the collection on February 26th, or some portion of it, can be devoted to the Church of Ireland Temperance Society, assistance will be given to a valuable agency doing practical social work in co-operation with similar agencies belonging to other Churches in Ireland.

"Intemperance is still a serious evil amongst us, but a very real work has been done, and partly through a raised standard, but partly also by reason of the high cost of intoxicating liquors, less intemperance is observable to-day. But simultaneously with the improvement in the habits of the people in this respect there has to be recorded a deplorable increase in gambling, which accompanies the recent change in the attitude of the State towards betting.

"I would ask the clergy to study carefully the evidence on the subject which they can obtain in their own parishes, and to compare it with that obtained by their brother-clergymen, and to endeavour by all the means in their power to warn their people against the craze for small but constantly indulged in excitement, which is making working-people of all ages who can ill afford it into small gamblers. If the clergy can make out a good case, supported by irrefragable evidence, it is not unreasonable to hope that the Government will reconsider its attitude in certain details. I do not think that Ministers will disregard the appeal of the clergy if it is shown to rest upon serious and informed study of the habits and needs of the people.

MARCH 25th (FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT)—EDUCATION.

"I ask your most zealous co-operation in this matter. Even now, after the many years of effort on the part of the Board of Education and of the clergy generally, the cause of religious education counts for very little with the laity as a whole. What it means, and what the failure of it would mean, to the Church is hardly understood.

"I am very anxious that our people should recognise that the education of the young is not an accident in the Church's life, but one of its prime essentials. The Church is a society, it is recruited from the young, and the young are its care. What it makes of the young determines what is going to become of itself. And any indifference on this subject can only be put down to complete lack of vision.

"And so I ask you to try to stir your people to think of a community such as ours engaged in preparing our young people for life, training them up to become God-fearing citizens and practising Church people, helping to build the nation according to the precious light God has given us. This work needs organising, it needs to be undertaken by those specially fitted for it, and the work of parents in the home needs to be supplemented in the daily teaching of the schools.

"The supply of Church teachers, the laying down of sound lines along which teachers shall give instruction, the inspection of the work and the stimulating of teachers and children through periodical contact with the diocesan inspector—in all these works they can help with their contributions and their sympathetic interest.

HOSPITAL SUNDAY, 1928 AND 1929.

"It has been the practice for many years to devote the collections in the churches of Dublin and the neighbourhood on the second Sunday in November to the Dublin hospitals.

"Some difficulty has been caused in the last few years, and seems like to arise again, through the growing practice of making collections for Earl Haig's Fund on Armistice Day, November 11th, or the Sunday before or after that date.

"I have been consulted by the Committee of the Hospital Sunday Fund, who proposed to change the date of the hospitals' collection to the first Sunday in December, and have replied that not infrequently this Sunday is the First Sunday in Advent, and that I am unwilling that the first Sunday of the Church's year should have its special message obscured by the appeal for the hospitals. And I, therefore, propose that the dates for the next two years be fixed as follows:—November 25th, 1928 (Sunday next before Advent), and December 8th, 1929 (second Sunday in Advent). A special Sunday can be determined upon as time passes, if the old arrangement must ultimately be abandoned.

THE REVISED PRAYER-BOOK.

"I have printed some words which I addressed to the clergy of the Diocese of Dublin at my Visitation on November 29th on the subject of the revised Prayer-book, as well as upon other related matters. I enclose a copy of this charge herewith for your kind acceptance. I trust you will read it with care and consider the adoption of the suggestions it contains.

"It is now possible to obtain the larger (pica) edition of the new book, which for a little time to come must be the copy used both on the Holy Table and at the reading desk, while the smaller (ruby) edition will be ready in, perhaps, two months. It is, therefore, not unreasonable that I should give notice now that, so far as concerns the use of the new book by the clergy in their conduct of Divine Service, their introduction of the various changes contained in the new book (which have been statutory for some time past) must take place not later than March 1, 1928, whether the small edition is in their people's hands or not. It will be o help to the people if the more importan changes are pointed out to them, and they are encouraged to buy copies of the new Prayer-book without delay.

CONFIRMATIONS IN THE UNITED DIOCESE.

"Annexed to this letter will be found a list of the places and times at which I propose to hold Confirmations in 1928.

"I expect the clergy to come with their candidates to the church, and present them in person. Candidates should, as a rule, be not less than fourteen years of age. I trust that those who present candidates will instruct them carefully in the details of the Service, so that nothing may interfere with the orderly and reverent administration of the rite.

"Kindly furnish each of your candidates with a card, to be handed to my Chaplain immediately before the Service, and also deliver to me after the Service a schedule containing their names and ages. The cards and the schedules should be signed by the incumbents of the several parishes.

"The cards and schedules referred to are to be obtained at the A.P.C.K., 37 Dawson street. Approved cards, with the Diocesan Arms, of a more elaborate character, can be had at a small additional cost, and used instead of the customary plain cards.

"Candidates from parishes not named can be presented at any convenient centre in the list, but at least a fortnight's notice should

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ACCIDENTS IN THE AIR.

FRENCH FLYING-MEN ALARMED.

DEMAND FOR MORE RIGID CONTROL.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

PARIS, Tuesday.

Alarmed at the increase in the number of fatal accidents in France recently, a committee representing all the French aviation pilots have forwarded a demand to the Government that the project for forming a separate Air Ministry, which would exert rigid control over all commercial flying, shall be hastened.

The Government has ordered a thorough investigation into the accident which caused the death of five flyers when the giant hydroplane which they were testing fell in the aviation field near Marseilles during the week-end, killing the entire crew instantly.

Witnesses declare that one wing crumpled up while the aeroplane was travelling 1,000 feet up, the machine dropping to earth like a stone. This, the most recent of French aviation accidents, is chiefly responsible for bringing the present demand from the pilots.

Too many aeroplanes, they allege, are allowed to take off without proper inspection. They point out that the flying coffin in which Corbu, the popular French flying "ace," was killed a couple of weeks ago, should never have been permitted to leave the ground.

A PLUCKY AIRWOMAN.

SNAKE KILLED IN MID-AIR.

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.

RANGOON, Tuesday.

The *Rangoon Times* published a telegram to-day stating that the "Red Rose" made a perfect landing yesterday on the seashore nine miles from Maungmagan, in Tavoy, and spent the night there. The telegram states that the fliers had a sensational adventure in mid-air.

Shortly after leaving Rangoon a brown-coloured snake suddenly appeared from under Mrs. Keith Miller's seat. Captain Lancaster tried to kill it by stamping upon it, but missed the snake, and it wriggled away into the cockpit.

Mrs. Miller, who was quite unperturbed, and showed great presence of mind, took out the front control lever and with it killed the reptile.

FRENCH SEAPLANE FORCED DOWN.

GIBRALTAR, Tuesday.

The s.s. British Knight, bound for Swansea, is entering the harbour to land the French mail seaplane, No. 54, and two French aviators, picked up at 12.15 p.m. on Monday 65 miles east of Cabo de Gata, which is near Almeria.

The aeroplane came down owing to engine trouble. It was carrying mails from Alicante to Oran.

SYDNEY TO NEW ZEALAND FLIGHT.

MELBOURNE, Tuesday.

The Federal authorities having withdrawn their ban on the proposed flight from Sydney to New Zealand, Captain Knight, Captain Hood and Lieutenant Moncrieff, of the New Zealand Air Force, left Point Cook for Richmond yesterday in their Ryan monoplane, but were forced to land at Mossvale.

The airmen propose to commence the flight on Friday night, when they will have the advantage of a full moon.

LINDBERGH IN HONDURAS.

TEGUCIGALPA, Tuesday.

Colonel Lindbergh landed here at 2.55 today.

OBITUARY.

MR. W. G. FOGARTY, GALWAY.

Mr William George Fogarty, Secretary of the Galway County Council, died at his residence, Devon place, Galway, yesterday. Four weeks ago Mr. Fogarty travelled to Dublin as the representative of the County Council with a deputation to wait on the Minister for Local Government seeking portion of the Unemployment Grant for the county. His duties compelled him to return the same night to Galway. On the journey he got a chill, which he never shook off. He was confined to his house for several days after returning home, but took up work again, although still suffering from the effect of the cold. On Monday he did not return to his office after lunch, and at night pneumonia supervened, and Dr. Sandys and Dr. O'Malley were called in early yesterday morning. Death occurred soon after midday. Mr. Fogarty, who was 55 years of age, had been studying lately for his LL.B. degree. He began life in the post office, and afterwards became accountant to the Galway County Council. After the death of the Secretary, Captain Seymour, in 1925, Mr. Fogarty was appointed to the office. Few public officials had a better grasp of the Local Government laws, and he was in the front rank of executive officers in Ireland. He travelled widely, and had visited nearly every country in Europe.

MR. JOSEPH ENGLAND.

The death took place on Monday evening of Mr. Joseph England, of Knockrea Park, Douglas, Co. Cork, late of Kilfinane, Co. Limerick. He was owner of the Golden Vein Dairy Co., Ltd., and a director of the Condensed Milk Company of Ireland, from which he retired recently following the Government's purchase of the concern. He was a son-in-law of Captain T. J. O'Mahony, a former member of the Cork Harbour Commissioners, and brother-in-law of Major L. Daly, of Cleve Hill, Cork.

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be given to the incumbent of the church to which they are to be brought.

"N.B.—A useful book for those preparing candidates is 'Notes for Lectures on Confirmation,' by the late Dean Vaughan (Macmillan). An interesting little book of recent date is 'A Confirmation Book,' with a foreword by the Bishop of Manchester, by the Rev. Ambrose Wilson, D.D., Vicar of St. Mary's, Oldham (S.P.C.K., 1924).

"Praying that the blessing of Almighty God may rest upon you and your people in the coming year,

"I am,

"Yours faithfully in Jesus Christ,
"JOHN DUBLIN."

CONFIRMATIONS.

The Archbishop of Dublin proposes to hold Confirmations at the following centres in 1928:—Thursday, March 1st, in Christ Church Cathedral, at 11.30 a.m.; Friday, March 2nd, in St. Paul's Church, Dublin, at 8 p.m.; Tuesday, March 6th, in Monkstown Church, at 3.30 p.m.; Friday, March 9th, in St. Matthias's Church, Dublin, at 3.30 p.m.; Wednesday, March 14th, in St. George's Church, Dublin, at 11.30 a.m.; Friday, March 16th, in Rathmines Parish Church, at 8 p.m.; Monday, March 19th, in Christ Church, Kingstown, at 3.30 p.m.; Friday, March 23rd, in St. Paul's Church, Bray, at 11.30 a.m.; Tuesday, March 27th, in St. Ann's Church, Dublin, at 3.30 p.m.; Thursday, March 29th, in St. Bartholomew's Church, Dublin, at 11.30 a.m.; Saturday, March 31st, in St. Columba's College Chapel, at 12 noon; Monday, April 2nd, in North Strand Church, at 3.30 p.m.; Wednesday, April 4th, in St. Andrew's Church, Malahide, at 3.30 p.m.; Friday, April 13th, in St. Brigid's Cathedral, Kildare, at 3.30 p.m.; Tuesday, April 24th, at Naas, at 12 noon; Tuesday, April 24th, at Celbridge, at 3.30 p.m.; Friday, April 27th, at Donoughmore, at 12 noon; Friday, April 27th, at Blessington, at 3.45 p.m.; Tuesday, May 1st, in Delgany Church, at 4.0 p.m.; Friday, May 4th, at Edenderry, at 4.0 p.m.; Tuesday, May 15th, in St. Patrick's Cathedral, at 3.30 p.m.; Wednesday, May 30th, at Geashill, at 11.30 a.m.; Wednesday, May 30th, at Portarlington, at 3.30 p.m.; Friday, June 8th, at Athy, at 11.30 a.m.; Friday, June 8th, at Narraghmore, at 3.30 p.m.; Wednesday, June 13th, at Arklow, at 12 noon; Wednesday, June 13th, at Wicklow, at 4.0 p.m.

CATTLE DISEASE STILL RAGING.

FIVE FRESH OUTBREAKS.

LEEDS AND ROCHDALE INFECTED AREAS.

Five fresh outbreaks of foot-and-mouth disease in areas already affected were reported yesterday to the Ministry of Agriculture. The new outbreaks, four of which occurred on farms in Derbyshire and the remaining one in Lancashire, will involve the slaughter of 83 cattle, 53 sheep and seven pigs.

The two counties concerned are infected areas, in which the movement of animals is prohibited. No additional restrictions will be necessary.

LEEDS UNDER THE BAN.

Owing to an outbreak at Dewsbury, Leeds is now included in an infected area, and supplies can only be drawn from the area under the licence of the local authority. No cattle or sheep arrived in the market yesterday. Thirty-nine cows and 80 pigs were slaughtered and burned yesterday at Headfield Farm, Savile Town, Dewsbury.

ROCHDALE AN INFECTED AREA.

As the result of an outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease on the Sparthbottom Farm, Rochdale has been declared an infected area.

ENGLISH OFFICIALS PROSECUTED.

Two inspectors of the English Ministry of Agriculture, Arthur Holman Berry and Albert Victor Franklin, were prosecuted by the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals at Swindon yesterday. The allegation was that they had caused unnecessary suffering to a number of cows at Westlecote Farm, Swindon, where about a hundred animals were slaughtered during a recent outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease.

The case was described by the Hon. Geoffrey Lawrence, K.C. (for the defence) as one of national importance.

Mr. R. Mitchell Banks, K.C., M.P., for the Society, said that there was no complaint as to the method of killing the animals, which was done with a humane killer. It was alleged, however, that they had been caused physical and mental suffering by reason of the fact that they had been dragged by ropes behind a cart drawn by horses for a distance of 150 yards, and slaughtered in the presence of each other, thus terrifying them.

Mr. Tom Sutton, the Wiltshire cricketer, who was the principal witness for the prosecution, described what he saw through field glasses from a distance of three hundred yards, and expressed the view that the animals were caused unnecessary suffering.

A suggestion by Mr. Sutton that a temporary slaughterhouse should have been erected near the cowshed and the animals slaughtered there one by one was ridiculed by the Hon. Geoffrey Lawrence, who said that the method adopted was that used in the case of every other outbreak of the disease in Great Britain.

Among the witnesses for the defence was Colonel Young, Veterinary Officer for the City of London, who said that the method used was the most efficacious to prevent the spread of the disease.

Professor Hobday, Principal of the Royal Veterinary College, London, expressed the opinion that the method adopted was the most humane that could be devised.

Mr. Berry gave evidence, and without calling on other witnesses for the defence the magistrates dismissed the case, being of the opinion that the evidence did not bear out the allegation of cruelty. They thought, however, that there were sufficient grounds for bringing the case, and consequently they made no order as to costs.

DALKEY WOMAN FOUND DEAD IN BED.

CORONER'S COMMENTS AT INQUEST.

Dr. J. P. Brennan, Coroner for South County Dublin, held an inquest yesterday at the Town Hall, Dalkey, on the body of Mrs. Mary Anne Maher (70), of 22 Carysfort road, Dalkey, who was found dead in bed the previous morning.

Christopher Maher, husband, night porter at Kingstown Railway Station, stated that he last saw his wife alive last Sunday night at 10.35 o'clock, when he went out to work. On Monday when he returned at 8.50 a.m. he found her dead. She had not previously complained of being ill.

Dr. J. I. Enright, Dalkey, who made a *post-mortem* examination, stated that the cause of death was heart disease.

Sergeant Sheppard, Dalkey, said that, acting on instructions from the Coroner, he visited the house of the deceased woman that morning, when he saw Mrs. Maher, junior. He told her that the body should be conveyed to the Town Hall for the inquest. There was a practical refusal at the time to carry out the instructions. Subsequently witness told her that the Coroner would allow the body to remain in the house if she apologised, which she did most humbly.

The Coroner, in returning a verdict in accordance with the medical evidence, said that on an occasion like that one did not want to add any pain to an already suffering family, but he would like to have it distinctly understood that the Coroner was not acting in his personal capacity, and while President of that Court he would allow no contempt whatever to be permitted within his authority. In ordering the removal of the body his purpose was to relieve the relatives of the incidence of a *post-mortem* in a small dwelling-house, and for no other reason. Always, when a request was made to him to allow the body to remain where it was dead, he granted it, but if an officer of the Court were treated with contempt, he could not possibly allow that to continue. If the interference were persisted in, he would, with regret, be forced to exercise his extreme powers, and commit for contempt. He extended sincere sympathy to Mr. Maher and his relatives. It was very painful the duty he had to perform, but it must be done.

SKIPPER'S DASH FOR HARBOUR.

BOILER ACCIDENT ON A WRECKED VESSEL

"In his dash for the harbour under the conditions prevailing, Skipper Setterfield showed the real spirit of the British sailor," declared the Ramsgate Coroner at the inquest last night on Henry Edward Offen (26), married, second engineer of the steam trawler Paramount, who was drowned when the vessel was wrecked on a sandbank formed by the recent gales against the harbour wall.

Before going overboard Offen, together with the chief engineer, were badly scalded by the safety valve, which became dislodged in the engineroom.

A verdict of accidental death was returned.

BRAY SCHEMES.

OVERDRAFT OF £25,000 SANCTIONED.

At the meeting of the Bray Urban Council last night a letter was read from the Free State Minister for Local Government intimating an increase in the unemployment grant from £1,000 to £1,500, the money to go towards the provision of new sewers and water mains. The matter was postponed.

The Minister also sanctioned an overdraft of £25,000 on the capital account towards the construction of the new housing scheme.

The Town Clerk said that the overdraft was sanctioned pending the decision of the Council to raise the money from the Local Loans Fund, or to issue their own stock. Before the Minister, however, would sanction an overdraft of £4,000 on the revenue account he required an undertaking that in future provision would be made in the estimates for all anticipated expenditure.

DEATH OF A CENTENARIAN.

The death has taken place at Knockalaghta, Castlerea, of Mr. John Fres, at the age of 100 years.

Mr. Ernest Walls, managing director of Lever Bros., Ltd., has resigned from the board of directors.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

THE LATE LORD MAYO.

TRIBUTE FROM MR. WILLIAM O'BRIEN.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

SIR,—All his countrymen will willingly join in your tribute of respect to the late Earl of Mayo's lesser services as an Irish country gentleman, which you enumerate in fairly full detail. But all classes of Irishmen who have not quite given up the last hope of conciliation between the two disunited States of Ireland will, I think, join in my surprise at your forgetfulness to make even the most modest reference to what was incontestably the greatest deed of Lord Mayo's life—his acceptance of a seat on the Land Conference of 1902-3 after the Irish Landowners' Convention had rejected the proposal with some scorn. He, like Lord Dunraven, had the foresight to understand that his landlord brethren were face to face with an opportunity such as would never return, and which would enable them to exchange for a revenue as safe as Consols a rental the most detestable in Europe, and to escape from a position of semi-bankruptcy, moral and material, to a position of ease, influence, and popularity in their native country.

Eaten bread is so soon forgotten that even already it is not too readily remembered that it was in consequence of the Land Conference—and in consequence of the Land Conference alone, as Mr. Wyndham publicly proclaimed—that it was possible to carry the Act of 1903. Under that Act over 300,000 tenant farmers became the owners of their own holdings in three years upon terms almost miraculously acceptable to both sides; and, without going back upon controversy which may now be very good-humouredly dealt with, everybody now knows that it was owing to ill-advised Irish action that the transaction of land purchase was not long ago completed, instead of the Act of 1903 being repealed by Irish votes, and the completion of the work being left to be taken up, after an interval of twenty years by the Free State Executive.

Lord Mayo was one of many thousands of the most influential Unionists in the North, as well as in the South, who were then willing to join Lord Dunraven in following up the success of the Land Conference settlement by a national self-government settlement, equally broad-based, under which partition would have been impossible and would never have been mentioned. For the very little I had the pleasure of knowing him, Lord Mayo was not a man covetous of praise, but I hope I will not appeal to you and your brother-journalists in vain for justice to his memory in the incident of all others the most creditable in his career. It is a matter directly responsible for the happy passing of landlordism, and it was no fault of his if the disappearance of the system which had been the scourge of Ireland for three hundred years was not accompanied by the disappearance of British rule under very different conditions from those which leave the mutilation of Ireland as bitter a cause of enmity as ever arose between England and ourselves—a mutilation which we will be lucky if a formidable (although, I hope, an unbloody) struggle for the next generation, and, perhaps, for the generation after that, succeeds in setting right.—Yours, etc.,

WILLIAM O'BRIEN.

Mallow, Co. Cork,
January 3rd, 1928.

IRISH COMMERCIAL TRAVELLERS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

SIR,—In order to counteract the personal statements made by Senator McKean, at the meeting of the Irish Commercial Travellers' Federation, on the subject of tariffs, it may be of interest to know that his manner of doing so was uniformly resented by the great majority of those present. At a committee meeting previously held it was decided, on my suggestion, that neither politics, religion, nor tariffs should be introduced at such a heterogeneous gathering of travellers holding varied interests and absolutely dependent for existence on the miscellaneous class of business engaged in. Without advice or instructions, the discussion was allowed to proceed calmly under protest, and when the revolutionaries perceived the virtue of our silence they immediately proclaimed the gospel of partitioned economics for a New Year budget. . . However, the Senator's academic sophistry failed to influence the meeting. Tariffs were not included in the agenda; therefore, the matter was not associated with, or put as a substantive addendum to, the motion for adoption of the yearly report, which was passed.

Statements of this kind awaken and have already embittered feelings of resentment among our members. . . The objects of the Federation and kindred associations are in many ways identical, and our energies are mainly directed towards a closer alliance, a more intimate fraternity, and an embracing bond of unity and equality among travellers of all classes. As was stated at the meeting, our weakness might significantly be attributed to the number of artistically embroidered associations in Ireland; and so long as we remain the contradicting and confusing custodians of one another's membership, so long shall we remain, not the silent worshippers of invented interests, but rather the helpless and unprotected associates of recurring injustice.—Yours, etc.,

M. J. O'SULLIVAN.

Unity Buildings, Lower O'Connell street,
Dublin, January 3rd, 1928.

DANIEL O'CONNELL AND THE IRISH LANGUAGE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

SIR,—Lecky, who characterises the great Liberator as "sagacious and practical," in his "Leaders of Public Opinion in Ireland" (Vol. II., new edition, 1903), page 283, thus writes:—"O'Connell had not much purely literary taste, and, like most practical politicians, he had much distrust of literary politics and politicians and of large and cosmopolitan principles. He defended his own agitations on distinctly Irish or Catholic grounds and on the old Whig doctrines of civil and religious liberty. He knew and cared for Irish history, though chiefly as furnishing abundant materials for political arguments, but he had no great sympathy with the revival of Irish archæology, and he had no sympathy at all with the project of extending the Irish language. Though he himself came from an Irish-speaking district and spoke the language with perfect ease, his eminently practical mind regarded the new movement as absurd. The difference of languages, he was accustomed to say, was first introduced into the world as a punishment, and the superior utility of the English tongue as the medium of all modern communications was so great that he saw without regret the gradual disuse of Irish."

May I commend such a sensible view to Mr. Justice Hanna and the stern unbending advocates of compulsory Irish like Mr. Ernest Blythe?—Yours, etc.,

"LIBERTY-LOVER."

Cork, January 3rd, 1928.

MR. R. T. JONES AND AMATEURISM.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

SIR,—Your Special Correspondent has lately had an article in your columns dealing with the case of Mr. R. T. Jones. The Royal and Ancient Club was in some trouble over the cases of Captain Carter and Mr. W. I. Hunter, and proceeded to do a most foolish thing—to wit, to define what an amateur was, thus creating professionals, amateurs, and a large number of people who are neither. That a good player of any game should be penalised for writing about that game, when indifferent performers at it may do so with impunity, is manifestly absurd.

Mr. Jones was given a house. The principle of giving a house is the same as giving a medal. Those who have the pleasure of Mr. Jones's acquaintance know that he was taken aback over that house, and greatly wished that his admirers had not been quite so enthusiastic. I think it poor form to wish to interfere with another country's golfers. If they come to us as amateurs, we should accept them as such. For the rest, the Royal and Ancient should be made to rescind its absurd definition of an amateur; otherwise the famous club will be up to its neck in trouble.—Yours, etc.,

LIONEL HEWSON.

Dublin, January 3rd, 1928.

Miss Radclyffe Hall's novel, "Adam's Breed," which won her the Femina Prize last year, has been voted the "James Tait Black Memorial Literary Prize," worth about £250.

FEMALE WRITING ASSISTANTS.
Open Competitions announced for April and October, 1928. Age 16½-18½. Last exam., Oct., 1927, 20 Successes. BEST RESULT. Oral and Correspondence Classes. SKERRY'S COLLEGE, 76 St. Stephen's Green, Dublin.—(Advt.)

U.S. MARKETS.

INDUSTRIALS IN DEMAND.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.)

NEW YORK, Tuesday.

Stocks opened strong. Expectations of higher regular and extra cash dividends for many stocks, in consequence of a predicted increase in the earnings of many industries, furnished motives for a spirited demand for numerous issues. Groups like Rubbers, Textiles and Chain Stores were brought up in line with large advances in various other shares, many of which eclipsed previous "record" figures. Money was abundant, despite the calling by the banks of twenty-five million dollars in outstanding loans. Gains of 3 to 6 points were established in many Industrials, with Greene Cananea Copper rising 10 points. The market closed strong. Government Bonds firm; Railroad Bonds quiet. The day's sales totalled 2,417,000 shares.

Money on call closed firm at 5¼ per cent. bid and 5⅜ per cent. asked; all business was done at 5¼ per cent. Sterling exchange steady. Silver ⅛c. higher at 57⅝.

	Tues.	Sat.
Call Money	5¼ b. 5⅛ a	Nom.
Exchange on Lon.—60 days sight	4.83⅞	4.83⅞
Do do Demand Bills	4.87 11/16	4.87¾
Cable Transfers	4.88⅛	4.88¼
Do Montreal	4.89 1/16	4.89⅛
Exchange Paris cable	3.93⅝	3.93⅝

Eng. Parity.	STOCKS.	Tue.	Sat.
197¾	Atchison, Topeka, Santa Fe	193	193¼
105½	Do Pref	103	102
120¼	Baltimore and Ohio	117⅝	117
214 3/16	Canadian Pacific	209	208¼
20¾	Chicago, Milwaukee, & St Paul	20¼	19¼
89⅛	Chicago and North West	87	86
67⅜	Erie Shares	65¾	64¼
64 1/16	Erie 1st Preferred	62½	62
136	Illinois Central	132½	132½
156¾	Louisville and Nashville	153	153
41⅜	Missouri, Kansas, and Texas	40⅝	40⅞
53 3/16	Missouri Pacific New	52¼	51¾
167½	New York C'tral & Hudson R	163½	162⅞
193⅝	Norfolk and West Com.	189	189⅞
101 5/16	Northern Pacific Com.	98½	98
66 5/16	Pennsylvania Shares	64¾	64½
106 9/16	Reading Shares	104	104¼
43 11/16	Do. Pref.	42⅝	42⅝
126	Southern Pacific	123	124
149 9/16	Southern Railway	146	147½
196 11/16	Union Pacific	192	191½
86 5/16	Do. Pref	84¼	84¼
76 11/16	American Can (New Stock)	74⅞	74⅞
188⅝	American Smelt. and Refining	183⅞	182½
59 15/16	Anaconda Copper	58½	58⅛
18 15/16	Anglo-American Oil	18½	—
59 11/16	Bethlehem Steel Com Stock	58¼	57⅜
—	Brit. American Tobacco Coupon	—	25½
127⅛	New York Consolidated Gas	124⅛	125
140⅝	General Electric (New Stock)	137¼	135
140⅞	General Motors (New)	137½	137⅞
4¼	Inter. Mer. Marine Com. Certs	4⅛	4¼
41	Do Pref. Certs	40	40½
37 13/16	International Pet. of Canada	36⅞	37
130⅛	National Lead	127	127
45 1/16	Pan American Petroleum "B"	44	43¾
43 9/16	Shell Transport and Trading	42½	42⅜
26⅛	Shell Union Oil Corp	25½	25½
62¼	U.S. Rubber	60¾	56¼
155 7/16	United States Steel Common	151¾	152
141⅞	Do. Pref.	138½	139½
—	Silver Commercial Bars	57⅝	57½
	BONDS.		
100 13/16	Atch. Top. New 4% Gen. Mort	98⅝	98⅝
—	Erie Rail Gen 4% Lien Bonds	—	85⅝
101 7/16	Union Pacific 4% Bonds	99	99
111½	U.S. Steel 2nd Mort 5% Bonds	108⅞	109
—	U.K. 5½ per cent. Bonds, 1929	—	117¾
108 13/16	Do. Do. 1937	106¼	106½
109	7 per cent. German Loan	106⅜	106½
110½	U.S. Treas 3¾ p.c. Bds. 46-56	107½	—

* Asked; † Ex div.; ‡ Ex interest; ‖ Ex rights.

MONTREAL STOCK EXCHANGE.

Eng. Equiv.	STOCKS AND SHARES.	Closing Prices Tues.	Closing Prices Fri.
149 5/16	Abitibi Power & Paper Co., Ltd	146	146
34¾	Asbestos Corp. of Canada, Ltd.	34	34½
97 13/16	Do. Pref.	95¾	95¾
221 5/16	Brazilian T. L. & P. Co., Ltd.	220	219¼
1⅛	Brit. Empire Steel Corp., Ltd.	1½	1½
22½	Do 1st Preference Series B	22	23
3⅜	Do 2nd Preference	3½	3½
55 1/16	Brompton Pulp & Paper Co., Ltd	54	54
253 11/16	Canada Cement Co., Ltd.	247	247
145	Canadian Cottons Co., Ltd.	142	142
38 1/16	Canadian Indus. Alcohol Co.	37¼	37
35 13/16	Canada Steamships Lines Ltd	35	35
91½	Do New 6 p.c.	89½	89½
261¼	Con. Mining & Smelt. Co. of Canada, Ltd.	255½	257
132 15/16	Dominion Textile Co., Ltd.	130	132
18¼	Hollinger Gold Mining Shares	17⅞	17⅝
119⅝	Laurentide Co., Ltd.	117	116
91¾	Montreal L. H. & P. Consd.	89¾	89⅞
118¾	National Breweries, Ltd	116⅛	116⅜
79¾	Price Bros. and Co., Ltd.	78	78
94 1/16	Shawinigan W. & P. Co. (New)	92	91⅞
145 11/16	Spanish R. P'p & P'r Mills, Ltd	142½	141¾
153⅛	Do. Pref.	150	151
191	Steel Co. of Canada, Ltd.	187	187
93 15/16	Quebec Power Co. New Stock	91⅞	88⅝
109 7/16	Wayagamack	107	108
102¾	Winnipeg Electric	100½	99

NEW YORK PRODUCE MARKETS.

WHEAT—Spots firm and ⅞c. to 2⅛c. up.

	To-day.	Prev. day.
No. 2 Mixed Durum, spot	138	137¼
No. 2 Northern Manitoba, spot	163⅛	162⅜
No. 2 Hard Winter, spot	147	146¼
No. 2 Red Winter, spot	151	148¼

Sales for export—50 boatloads.

RYE steady and ⅜c. up. No. 2, spot, 122½.

Sales for export—10 boatloads.

BARLEY firm and 1c. higher. American malting, spot, 104.

MAIZE steady and ½c. up.

	To-day.	Prev. day.
Western No. 2 mixed spot	98⅛	97⅝

Sales for export—10 boatloads.

LARD firm and 35 points higher. Prime Western steam, 12.65; Middle West, 12.40 to 12.50.

FLOUR steady. Spring clears (100 per cent.), 6.40 to 6.75.

Sales for export—Nil.

FREIGHTS.

Heavy grain to Great Britain (per quarter), 2/- to 2/3.

Heavy grain to the Continent (per 100 lbs.), 7c. to 10c.

Cotton—High density to Great Britain (per 100 lbs.), 40c.

Cotton—Standard bales to Great Britain (per 100 lbs.), 55c.

PETROLEUM steady.

	To-day.	Prev. day.
Standard White in cases	17.15	17.15
Standard White in barrels	13.75	13.75
Do. Philadelphia	13.75	13.75
Mid-Continent Crude	33-33.9	33-33.9
Pennsylvania Crude	2.35-2.80	2.35-2.80

RUBBER steady, but dull. First latex crepe, spot, 41½ buyers; smoked ribbed sheets, spot, 41½ buyers, 41¾ sellers.

COFFEE—

Options—	Jan.	Mar.	May.	July.	Sept.	Dec.
To-day	13.40	13.55	13.48	13.35	12.23	13.14
Prev. day	13.30	13.45	13.35	13.29	13.16	13.05

SUGAR—Centrifugal Cuban, spot, steady and unchanged; 96 test Centrifugal Cuban, 4.58. Approximate day's sales—25,000 tons

Options—	Jan.	Mar.	May.	July.	Sept.	Dec.
To-day	2.75	2.84	2.92	2.99	3.07	3.11
	Jan., 1929	3.10				
Prev. day	2.74	2.82	2.89	2.97	3.05	3.11

TALLOW steady. Spot, extra loose, 8⅞.

SHELLAC—T.N., spot, 54.

TURPENTINE—Spot, 57½; Savannah, spot, 51½.

METALS—Straits Tin spot barely steady and 12½ points down. Spot and nearby New York, 57.75. Future option—February, 57.62½. Lead steady and unchanged. Spot New York, 6.50; East St. Louis, 6.32½. Zinc steady and unchanged. Spot East St. Louis, 5.65. Pig Iron steady. Northern No. 2 plain, f.o.b. Furnace. Eastern Pennsylvania, 19.00; f.o.b. Buffalo (delivery Boston), 21.41 by rail, 19.50 by water.

WINNIPEG GRAINS

WHEAT opened firm, ⅛c. to 1c. up, and closed firm, ⅜c. higher. Opening options—May, 137¾; July, 137½; October unquoted. Closing options—May, 137⅝; July, 137. Rye—Closing options—May, 108⅜; July unquoted. Oats steady. Closing options—May, 64⅜; July, 63½. Barley steady. Closing options—May, 89⅜; July, 86⅞. Flaxseed steady. Closing options—May, 188½; July, 190½.

Wheat receipts (carlots).	To-day.	Prev. day.
No. 1 Northern	1	6
No. 2 Northern	46	55
No. 3 Northern	304	261
No. 4 Northern	205	140
Other grades	903	822
Total	1,459	1,284

NEW YORK COTTON.

COTTON commenced steady, a point higher to 10 points lower. Values eased off under liquidation and Southern selling, especially of October, on the belief that the cold weather will kill many of the boll weevils. In the later trading Wall Street selling assisted the downward movement, and the market closed barely steady, 53 to 75 points down. Spot quiet at 55 points fall.

Spot, middling upland at New York, 19.55.

Spot, middling upland at New Orleans, 19.30.

Receipts—Atlantic ports, 1,000 bales; Gulf, 17,000; Pacific, nil; interior towns, 3,000.

Exports—Great Britain, 6,000 bales; France and Continent, 65,000; Japan and China, 5,000.

GRAIN STATISTICS.

(In thousands of bushels.)

	This wk.	Last wk.	Same week Last year
Wheat—United States visible supply	85,637	87,549	63,506
Maize—United States visible supply	27,033	25,214	34,512
Rye—United States visible supply	3,226	3,114	—
Barley—United States visible supply	2,687	2,949	—
Wheat—Canadian visible supply	88,456	82,113	66,100
Rye—Canadian visible supply	2,980	3,486	—
Wheat—Clearances from United States and Canada	3,106	4,411	8,675
Maize—Clearances from United States and Canada	97	295	74
Oats—Clearances from United States and Canada	28	37	91
Flour—Clearances from United States and Canada	254	187	188

CHICAGO MARKETS.

CHICAGO, Tuesday.

WHEAT opened firm and ⅛c. higher on North-West houses buying and overseas purchases, and further advances were encouraged by the firmness of the Buenos Aires market, reports of insufficient snow covering in Kansas and the South-West, and a forecast for cold weather over all of the winter wheat States. Partial reactions occurred later in sympathy with Winnipeg and on a bearish Oklahoma report; but the market finished firm, 1c. to ⅜c. up. Spot firm.

	To-day.	Prev. day.
No. 2 Hard Winter, spot	131	—
No. 3 Hard Winter, spot	—	—

Futures—Opening options—	Mar.	May.	July
To-day	130⅛	131⅞	128
Prev. day	129	130⅜	—

Futures—Closing options—	Mar.	May.	July
To-day	130½	132	127⅞
Prev. day	129½	131¼	—

MAIZE was firm and ⅛c. dearer at the opening. At the close the tone was barely steady, and values ⅛c. to ⅜c. down.

Spot, No. 2 mixed Western, unquoted.

Futures—Opening options—	Mar.	May.	July
To-day	87¼	90⅝	92⅛
Prev. day	86⅛	89½	—

Futures—Closing options—	Mar.	May	July
To-day	86¼	89⅝	92⅛
Prev. day	86½	90	—

OATS barely steady and unchanged to ⅛c. lower.

Futures—Closing options—	Mar.	May	July
To-day	54⅛	55⅛	53⅛
Prev. day	53¾	55	—

RYE barely steady, although ⅛c. to ⅛c. up on the day. No. 2, spot, 107½.

Futures—Closing options—	Mar.	May	July
To-day	108⅝	109	—
Prev. day	107⅞	108⅞	—

PROVISIONS—Lard opened steady, but, after slight improvement, scattered liquidation of January and the large contract deliveries in Chicago prompted declines. The market closed barely steady, with futures 12½ to 10 points down. Spot, however, rose 37½ points. Ribs dull at 5 to 12½ points decline. Lard, prime Western steam, spot, 11.92½.

Lard—Closing options—	Jan.	Mar.	May
To-day	11.92½	12.12½	12.30
Prev. day	11.95	11.50	12.30

Ribs—Closing options—	Jan.	Mar.	May
To-day	10.90	—	11.37½
Prev. day	10.95	10.20	11.50

BACON steady and 12½ points higher. Short ribs, spot (60lbs average), 10.87½.

HOGS firm. Light sorts advanced 35 to 30 and heavy 25 to 15 points Light weight, 8.50 to 9.00; heavy, 8.50 to 9.00.

	To-day.	Same day Last year
Receipts—Western Cities	105,000	240,000
Chicago	35,000	77,000

* Two days. † Three days.

NORTHERN MOTOR CAR RACE.

SIX HOURS' TEST.

SELECTING A COURSE.

Commander Armstrong, Colonel Lindsay Lloyd and Mr. S. C. H. Davis, representing the Royal Automobile Club of London, who are visiting the North of Ireland to select a course for the proposed motor car race in the North this year, yesterday inspected the Portadown-Gilford course.

DEPUTATION IN PORTADOWN.

In Portadown they were received at the Town Hall by Mr. D. Rock, M.B.E., J.P. (Chairman of the Town Council); Mr. H. Sewell (Town Clerk), Mr. John Davison, J.P., the members of the Town Council, and a number of leading merchants.

Mr. Harry Ferguson, Belfast, in introducing the deputation, said that they could not think of any better way of developing the sport of motor car racing than by an event of that kind, which would attract numerous visitors from across the Channel. Ulster would benefit tremendously by such an event.

Mr. D. Rock, Chairman of the Town Council, extended a hearty welcome to the deputation, and endorsed what Mr Ferguson had said as to the willingness of the people of Portadown to assist the movement.

COUNTY COUNCIL'S DECISION.

Mr. J. Davison, J.P., said that he had been in communication with a number of the members of the Armagh County Council, and also with the Secretary, who assured him that they would do all they could to put the roads in order for the race. A sum of £7,000 was going to be spent on one part of the course, and, if it was decided to hold the race there, the County Council would start the work at once.

Colonel Lindsay Lloyd said that the spirit in which they had been welcomed there was wonderful. They had fine, wide streets in Portadown. The object of the Automobile Club was to have a race lasting six hours, and they had to consider the matter of closing in the people living on the roadside for that period, which was a serious thing to contend with on main roads. It was nice to find that they realised the importance of motor racing, and how important it was that it should be improved. It showed a proper appreciation of motoring in the country. When they inspected the course they would be able to do so with the knowledge that what they wanted done would be done.

Commander Armstrong and Mr. Davis having spoken, the deputation started on a tour of inspection of the course.

LUNCH WITH THE PRIME MINISTER.

At half-past one o'clock the visitors and members of the sub-committee were entertained to lunch by the Prime Minister (Viscount Craigavon) at Stormont Castle.

Following the luncheon an interesting conversation took place respecting the general prospects of the race being run in Northern Ireland.

CONDITIONS FOR THE RACE.

At a conference of motoring interests it was agreed that in the event of the race being allocated to Northern Ireland by the Royal Automobile Club a prize fund of £2,000 would have to be raised in the province.

Five hundred police would be required to patrol the course as well as a large number of civilian marshals to be sworn in as special constables.

Bridges would have to be erected over the course at different points, to enable passing from one side of the road to the other.

Spectators would not be allowed to stand on the roadway, but would have to take up positions behind the fences.

A grand stand, capable of accommodating 3,000 people, would have to be erected; also barriers at any towns through which the course may run; for instance, at Newtownards, Comber and Dundonald, if the County Down circuit is selected.

The race should be held on Saturday, August 18th next, and it should be over a distance of about 400 miles, lasting almost six hours.

CLONMEL BOROUGH SURVEYORSHIP.

MINISTER'S THREAT OF LAW PROCEEDINGS.

A special meeting of the Clonmel Corporation was held on Monday evening to consider a letter from the Secretary of the Local Government Department, which stated that, as the Corporation had failed to make the appointment of a town surveyor, the Minister, having no option in the matter, had decided to institute proceedings against the Corporation.

The Town Clerk was required, without delay, to furnish a duly certified copy of the list of members of the Corporation who attended the meeting at which the Ministry's letter on the subject was first read. Regarding a resolution of the General Purposes Committee of the Corporation, it was pointed out that sanction to the temporary appointment of Mr. J. T. O'Donnell was definitely withdrawn on the 28th October last.

After a discussion, it was proposed that Mr. Fogarty should be appointed as from the day after Mr. O'Donnell's notice expired—January 18.

Mr. McNulty proposed that no appointment should be made until the present borough surveyor's notice expired, when the Corporation could take the necessary steps to make the appointment.

The Chairman (Alderman John Lovett) said that law proceedings had been threatened, and he had no doubt that they would be taken. The amendment would leave them in a difficult position; they would be stuck in the mud and would remain there.

Mr. McNulty—We will remain stuck in the mud until the month's notice is up.

The amendment was passed by seven votes to six.

PIGS FOR LONDON.

OMAGH FARMERS FORSAKE LOCAL MARKETS.

Yesterday an additional consignment of 81 live pigs was despatched from Omagh direct to the London markets. The majority of the farmers in this district are now disposing of their pigs in this manner, finding it more profitable than killing the pigs and selling them at the local markets.

Pork was 65s. per cwt. at Enniskillen market and 64s. at Cavan market yesterday.

Pig-breeders were agreeably surprised yesterday at Mountmellick when they were offered 48s. per live cwt. for their animals, an increase of 7s. per cwt. over last week's price. The demand was far in excess of the supply, only about twenty pigs being on offer.





Germany's



Mr. A. E. Aspin
West India Com
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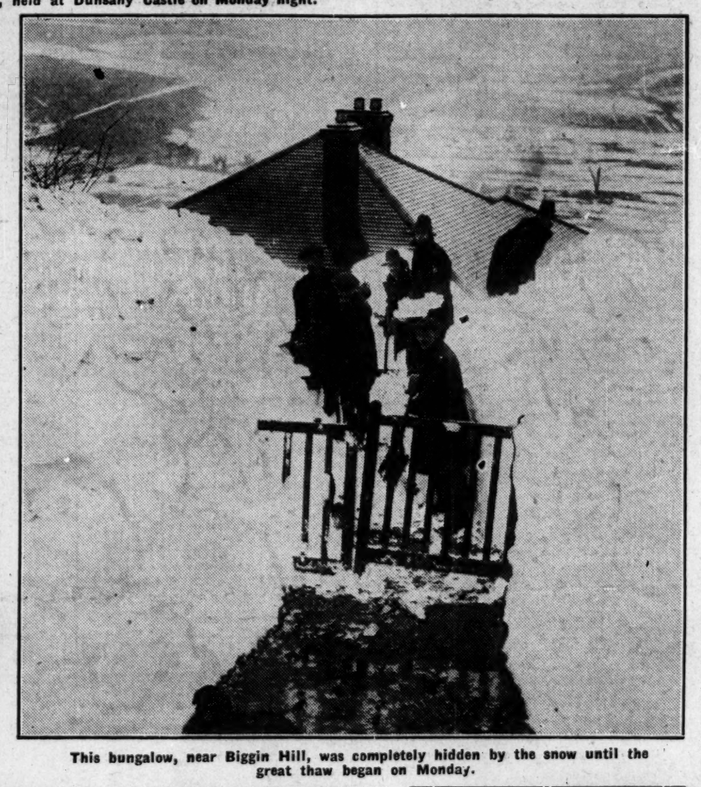
MEATH AND COOLATTIN HUNTS.



Some of the guests at the annual ball of the Meath Hunt, held at Dunsany Castle on Monday night.



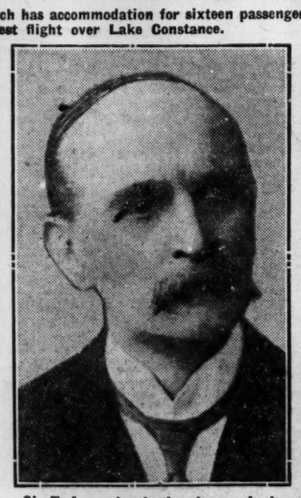
Germany's new giant hydroplane, which has accommodation for sixteen passengers, photographed during a test flight over Lake Constance.



This bungalow, near Biggin Hill, was completely hidden by the snow until the great thaw began on Monday.



Mr. A. E. Aspinall, Secretary of the West India Committee, who has been Knighted.—*Lafayette.*



Sir F. Lugard, who has been raised to the Peerage.—*Lafayette.*



Flight-Lieutenant Carr, D.F.C., who has been awarded the Air Force Cross for his attempts at a non-stop flight to India.



Mr. J. C. C. Davidson, M.P., who has been made a Privy Councillor.—*Lafayette.*



Mr. Edward German, the composer, who has been made a Knight.—*Lafayette.*

Flashlight photograph taken at the Coollattin Hunt Ball, held at the residence of Earl Fitzwilliam on Monday night.

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BROADCASTING.

TO-DAY

DUBLIN (2RN)—319.1 Metres.

1.30-2.0—Weather Forecast and Gramaphone Record Recital. **6.0**—Gramaphone Concert. **6.15**—Uair i dTir na n-Og: Lilian Brooks. Musical Sketch: "The Little Minstrels," conducted by Margaret Pigott. **7.0**—Gramaphone Concert. **7.30**—Gaedhilg: Micheal O Maolain as Arainn. **7.45**—German: O. .on Wenckstern. **8.0**—Kitty Pyne (piano): Nocturne for Miniature Suite (Y. Bowen); Remembrance Op. 63 (Esposito); Jardins sous la pluie (Debussy). **8.15**—Helen Macpherson and Marjorie Matthews: Sketch, "Shattered Nerves" (H. L. C. Pemberton). **8.30**—Station Orchestra: "Through Europe." **9.0**—Jean Nolan (soprano): "On wings of song" (Mendelssohn); "Soft-footed snow" (Sigurd Lee); 'Chanson d'Automne" (Hahn); "Berceuse" (Rhene Baton); "Bal de fleurs" (Jongen); "By Bendemeer's Stream" (Moore); "O men from the fields," "The terrible robber man" (Hughes). **9.20**—Winifred Biury (soprano) Bay Jellett (violin)—Musical Variety: Violin Solos: "Spanish Dance" (Da Falla, arr. Kreisler); "Oriental Dance" (Rimsky Korsakov). Soprano Solos: "Gathering Daffodils" (Somerville); "In Derry Vale" (arr. McNaught); "A Green Cornfield" (M. Head). Violin Solos: "Rondino" (Beethoven-Kreisler); "Polichinelle" (Kreisler); "Tempo di Minuetto" (Pugnani-Kreisler). Soprano Solos: "An Old Carol" (R. Quilter); "Trees" (Hutchinson); "To-morrow" (G. Heuschel). **9.50**—Dorothy Day and Company: "A New Year's Party." **10.30**—Weather Forecast.

BELFAST (2BE)—306.1 Metres (980 Kc.).

12.0-1.0—London Programme. **3.30**—Schubert, Station Orchestra. **3.45**—London Programme. **4.0**—Eric Coates, Orchestra. **4.30**—Bluebelle McFarland (contralto). **4.40**—Popular Songs, Orchestra. **5.0**—Miss Noel Brown: "The Child in Modern Life—I., Imagination and its Uses." **5.15**—Children. **6.0**—Organ Recital by Fitzroy Page, relayed from the Classic Cinema. **6.20-10.45**—From London.

LONDON (2LO)—361.4 Metres (830 Kc.) and DAVENTRY (5XX)—1,604.3 Metres (187 Kc.).

10.30 a.m. (Daventry only)—Greenwich Time and Weather. **11.0** (Daventry only)—Daventry Quartet and Beryl Selman (soprano). **12.0**—London Radio Dance Band, Variety. **1.0-2.0**—Frascati's Orchestra. **3.0**—A Ballad Concert—Marjorie Ingham (mezzo-soprano), Wilfred Gartrell (tenor), Rita Sharpe ('cello). **4.0**—Light Classical Concert, Daventry String Quartet and Ellis Borford (soprano), Kathleen Dale (pianoforte). **5.15**—Children. **6.0**—The Plaza Organ, a Recital by Reginald Foort. **6.20**—Royal Horticultural Society Talk. **6.30**—Greenwich Time, Weather and News. **6.45**—Organ Recital by Reginald Foort (continued). **7.0**—Ministry of Health Talk by Professor E. L. Collis: "Health in Industry." **7.15**—Beethoven's Songs sung by George Parker (baritone). **7.25**—Topical Talk. **7.45**—"The Merry Wives of Windsor," a Comic Opera, in Three Acts (after Shakespeare's Comedy), music by Otto Nicolai, recitations by Heinrich Proch; Players: Foster Richardson, Roy Henderson, Joseph Farrington, Heddle Nash, Sydney Russell, Herbert Simmons, Doris Vane, Dorothy Helmrich, Noel Eadie; the Wireless Chorus and Symphony Orchestra. **9.0**—Weather and News. **9.15**—Mr. A. G. Macpherson: "Print Collecting." **9.30** (Daventry only)—Shipping Forecast. **9.35**—"The Merry Wives of Windsor" (continued). **10.45-12.0** (Daventry only)—Dance Music: Debroy Somers' Ciro's Club Band.

DAVENTRY EXPERIMENTAL (5GB)—491.8 Metres (610 Kc.).

3.0—Chamber Music, from Birmingham—The Edith Robinson Quartet: Edith Robinson (1st violin), Gertrude Barker (2nd violin), Hilda Lindsay (viola), Kathleen Moorhouse (violoncello), Leyland White (baritone). **4.0**—London Radio Dance Band and Doris and Elsie Waters. **5.45**—Children. **6.30**—Greenwich Time, Weather and News. **6.45**—Light Music—The Slydel Octet, April Pendarvis (soprano), Kerry Gylen (pianoforte). **8.0**—A Popular Orchestral Programme, from Birmingham—Studio Orchestra, Booth Hitchen (baritone). **9.0**—A Ballad Concert—Vivien Lambelet (soprano), Dorothy Lebish (contralto), Sheridan Russell (violoncello). **9.30**—"A Fool and his Money," a Wayside Comedy, by Laurence Housman. **10.0**—Weather and News. **10.15**—Dance Music—Jay Whidden's Band, from the Carlton Hotel. **10.45-11.15**—Debroy Somers' Ciro's Club Dance Band.

CARDIFF (5WA)—353 Metres (850 Kc.).

4.0—Station Trio. Eileen Vaughan (mezzo-soprano). **5.15**—Children. **6.0-10.45**—From London.

MANCHESTER (2ZY)—384.6 Metres. (780 Kc.)

12.0-1.0—Gramaphone Records. **3.0**—Orchestra. **3.45**—From London. **4.0**—Auto-Piano Recital. **4.15**—Orchestra. **5.0**—Harold Murray (recitations). **5.15**—Children. **6.0**—Gramaphone Records. **6.20-10.45**—From London.

BOURNEMOUTH (6BM)—328.1 Metres. (920 Kc.)

12.0-1.0—Gramaphone Records. **3.0**—London Programme. **5.15**—Children. **6.0-10.45**—From London.

NEWCASTLE (5NO)—312.5 Metres. (960 Kc.)

12.0-1.0—Gramaphone Records. **3.0**—London Programme. **4.15**—Music. **5.15**—Children. **6.0-10.45**—From London.

LIVERPOOL (6LV)—297 Metres. (1,010 Kc.)

5.15—Children. **6.0-10.45**—From London.

GLASGOW (5SC)—405.4 Metres (740 Kc.).

12.0-1.0—Gramaphone Records. **3.15**—Dance Music. **4.0**—The Wireless Quintet. David B. Robertson (tenor). **5.0**—Talk. **5.15**—Children. **5.58**—Weather Forecast for Farmers. **6.0**—Music. **6.20**—Mr. Dudley V. Howells: "Horticulture." **6.30**—From London. **6.45**—Juvenile Organisations' Bulletin. **7.0-10.45**—From London.

TO-MORROW.

DUBLIN (2RN)—319.1 Metres.

1.30-2.0—Weather Forecast and Gramaphone Record Recital. **6.0**—Gramaphone Concert. **6.15**—Uair i dTir na n-Og: Padraig O Cheire, Laelia Dineberg, Eileen Crowe. **7.0**—Gramaphone Concert. **7.30**—Mlle. Giudicelli: French. **7.45**—Seamus MacCathmhaoil: History Talk. **8.0**—Station String Quartet: Quartet Offering. **8.20**—Freda Fay: "At Random," Sketch; (a) Impression at a Bridge Drive Party, (b) Father and Son, (c) A Fine Day. **8.35**—Station Orchestra: Kaleidoscope (Lindmann); famous melodies from Moskowski, Wagner, Delibes, Bizet, Hubay, Tschaikowsky, Czbulka, Weber, Schubert, etc. **8.45**—Lilian Swann and Mrs. Hughes: Love Hath Not Departed (Brahms), Envoys of Love (Brahms), In Springtime (Newton), Barcarolle (Offenbach); Where the Chestnuts Bloom (Newton), At Dewy Morn (L. Wilson). **9.0**—Clarke Barry's Dance Band. **10.0**—Speech from Farewell Banquet to President Cosgrave, relayed from Clery's Ballroom. **10.25**—Clarke Barry's Dance Band. **10.30**—Weather Forecast.

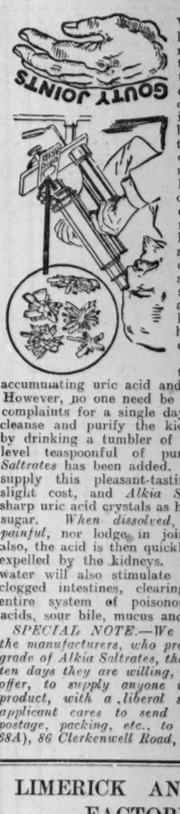
DAVENTRY EXPERIMENTAL (5GB)—491.8 Metres (610 Kc.).

3.0—A Symphony Concert (relayed from the Winter Gardens, Bournemouth). The Bournemouth Municipal Symphony Orchestra (50 performers). Soloist, Edgar Bainton. **4.30**—From Birmingham. Orchestra. Hilda Nibb (contralto). Frank Newman (organ). **5.45**—Children. **6.30**—Greenwich Time, Weather and News. **6.45**—London Radio Dance Band, Kel Keech and Ord Hamilton (syncopated numbers with piano and ukulele). Florence Marks (entertainer at the piano). **8.0**—Variety. George Foster, Winnie Victoria, Denis O'Neil (Irish comedian), Phillip Middlemiss (entertainer). **9.0**—"Heart's Desire" (from Birmingham), a comic opera by Mabel Constanduros. **10.0** Weather and News. **10.15-11.15**—Wireless Military Band. Leyland White (baritone).

Mr. John Thompson, one of the oldest Lincolnshire flour millers, has died at Boston in his 90th year. He had been a Boston magistrate for forty years.

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LIMERICK AND BEET FACTORY.

QUESTION OF SUBSIDY.

The Town Clerk of Limerick has received a letter from Captain Torchet de Gamaghes, general manager of the Franco-Irish Enterprises, Dublin, with reference to the proposed beet factory in Limerick, in connection with which county and city committees have been appointed. Captain de Gamaghes states that the scheme is now in the hands of the Dail as regards the question of subsidy.

ROADS IN TYRONE.

INCREASED ESTIMATE FOR STRABANE REJECTED.

At the quarterly meeting of the Strabane Rural District Council yesterday, Mr. John W. Leebody, County Surveyor, reported that, on the whole, he did not think that they had much cause for complaint as regards the general condition of their roads. There were, of course, stretches which were in indifferent order, but not a few of these were of no general utility, and, so far as the general public was concerned, could quite well be done without. He trusted that they would devote a portion of the fifteen per cent. grant out of the motor taxation account to road maintenance.

Mr. Joseph Mills complained of the condition of the roads in South-West Strabane, and said that nothing had been done to them for a long time. That morning he saw a man he knew to roll up his trousers to wade down a road. (Laughter.)

The County Surveyor said that the farmers, by not cleaning out their drains, were responsible for the flooding.

Mr. Robert Stevenson said that the contract system was "absolutely rotten."

The County Surveyor said that his estimate for road maintenance this year was £8,466, as against £8,256 last year, an increase of over £200.

The Chairman (Mr. William Rankin, J.P.) said that the present time was inopportune to increase the rates.

After further discussion, the same estimate all round as last year, viz., £9,081, was adopted, members objecting to any increased estimate.

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GOSSIP FROM THE COURSE.

POOR FIELDS AT PLUMPTON.

GIBUS WINS EASILY.

A SUCCESSFUL OBJECTION.

FROM OUR TRAVELLING CORRESPONDENT.
PLUMPTON, Tuesday Night.

We made a tentative resumption of racing here this afternoon, but there is to be another *hiatus*, for we hear that the Stewards at Haydock Park have decided to postpone to-morrow's programme until Thursday, and that racing, even then, is uncertain, as it is freezing again there. Although the going was heavy here to-day, the conditions were not quite as bad as might have been expected, and, considering the circumstances, the total of twenty-eight runners for the six races was not so bad.

The great difficulty was the fact that trainers in distant parts would not attempt to travel horses to the meeting on account of the reports of impassable roads and unreliable train services. The result was that the Sussex stables within easy reach of the course had a field day, taking five of the six races, the other falling to Polyphonia, who is trained at Epsom, which is not so far distant. Indeed, only one trainer outside the local area—Mr. G. S. L. Whitelaw, who is located at Wantage—sent horses to the meeting. These were Scotch Eagle and Hark Back, neither of which won.

Scotch Eagle was almost as good a favourite for the Brighton Handicap Steeplechase as Gibus, but he jumped the water badly second time round and lost ground. Gibus, Soulector and Hugh O'Neill jumped the last obstacle together, and then the first-named, drawing away, beat Soulector by three lengths.

John Beary, a brother of the Irish jockey, had his first success as a trainer when North Harris cleverly beat Hark Back two lengths in the Four-Year-Old Hurdle. Beary returned from South America not long ago, and has taken stabling at Alfriston, in Sussex, where he has a little string of horses owned by Sir George Beaumont and other patrons. North Harris, a son of Cygnus, never won on the flat, and this was his second appearance over hurdles.

Beary, however, had a reverse when his own horse, Skysail, who had disappointed at Kempton, disappointed again in the Hurst-Pierpoint Hurdle, for which he started favourite, and in which he never showed. The consistent Polyphonia then beat Horace eight lengths.

FINDON TRAINER'S SUCCESS.

The Findon trainer, Mr. Alex Law, and brother-in-law of Mr. Pickersgill, who hunted "The Blazers" for several seasons, took three races in all during the afternoon. The first was a selling steeplechase, which fell to Honest Boy, who only wins at Plumpton. Then in the Plumpton Steeplechase his Glangesia, with odds laid on him, beat Mark Anthony by six lengths.

In the last race, the Chailey Hurdle, he ran Pine Bluff, who started favourite, and finished eight lengths behind Right Ho. An objection for bumping and boring lodged by the rider of the second was successful, and the race was awarded to Pine Bluff. Right Ho, who is eight years old, is having his first season over hurdles. He must be a particularly hardy and sound horse, for he was bought some years ago by Sir John Rutherford to lead Solario in his work. He went through this ordeal well, and soon after Solario was retired he himself won the Delamere Handicap at Manchester.

GALTEE MORE.

SPORTING GOSSIP

Captain Bewicke's Retirement.

Captain P. W. Bewicke, a fine amateur rider in his younger days and latterly a successful trainer at Newmarket, who recently announced his retirement from racing, appears to have disposed of the balance of his team. Sir John Arnott's Monksford is under orders to leave for Captain Percy Whitaker's stable at St. Giles, and the same owner's Blue Flame has joined Captain C. Boyd-Rochfort's string at Freemason Lodge, Newmarket. It is understood also that Orphean and Doradus are under orders to join S. H. Darling's team at The Links, Newmarket.

Closing of Entries.

Owners and trainers should note that entries close to-day for several races for two-year-olds to be run at the Curragh during the coming season.

Jockey Severely Cautioned.

After the race for the Brighton Handicap Steeplechase at Plumpton yesterday the Stewards called B. McHardy before them to explain his excessive use of the whip when riding Hugh O'Neill. After hearing his explanation, and also Mr. A. Law, the owner and trainer of the horse, they severely cautioned him as to his future riding and fined him £5.

French Half-Back Killed.

Y. du Manoir, the famous French half-back who captained the French side against Scotland last season, was killed on Monday last in an aeroplane crash at Chateauroux in the Indre Department.

New Stewards of I.N.H.S. Committee

The well-known and popular Northern Ireland sportsman, Mr. J. W. Murland, has been elected a Steward of the Irish National Hunt Steeplechase Committee in lieu of Mr. J. J. Maher, whose term of office expired this month. The appointment of Mr. Murland will meet with general approval. So also will the election of Sir Walter Nugent, who has previously acted in that capacity, to fill the vacancy among the Stewards created by the resignation of Colonel Honner, who has gone to reside in England. Major Shirley has been made a member of the I.N.H.S. Committee.

Brighter Night's Success in South Africa

The Irish-bred Brighter Night, who won the Merchants' Handicap of 1,000 sovs. at Johannesburg on Monday, was formerly the property of Mr. B. M. Slocock, of Carlow, whose colours he carried in this country in 1925, and won for him the Nugent Plate at Phœnix Park. Brighter Night is by Jackdaw out of Short Line, by Machakos.

For Baldoyle.

The following are certain runners at Baldoyle Meeting this afternoon:—Immaterial, Shannon Scheme, Dunboy, Denis Orb, Petit Beau.

Ceylonese for the Stud.

The nine-year-old Ceylonese, br. h., by Willonyx—Excelita, who ended his very full racing career at the end of last season, was recently sold out of T. Coombs's stable, and has been retired to the stud. Originally the property of Sir Abe Bailey, in whose colours he ran into fourth place in the Newmarket Cesarewitch, he was subsequently cast out of the South African magnate's stable.

A Well-bred Colt.

T. Coombs, the Loughbrown House trainer, has received an addition to his string, which is fairly considerable at the present time. This is Captain Bewicke's four-year-old colt, Olive Dun, who is by Sunstar from Blue Dun, and lacks nothing, at any rate, on the score of pedigree.

Lucky Again.

Recent history repeated itself in the case of Dunbarry Star, who, it will be remembered, got no further from the Curragh than Dublin on his journey to fulfil an engagement at the abandoned Derby Meeting. *En route* to Manchester, horse and trainer were equally lucky, notification of affairs as they existed at Castle Irwell being received in the nick of time.

Home Again.

Mr. Albert Lowry's Jurat, 6 yrs., br. g., by Tredennis—Yukon, recently returned from H. Powney's, Newmarket, to be trained for future engagements at his original location, the Curragh, and is again an inmate of the Rathbride Manor stables. Another exile to return here is Prudent Pat, and he will also be trained by Joe Dawson for further races.

GOFF'S HUNTER SALES.

At Sewell's Repository, Lower Mount street, to-morrow (Thursday), Messrs. Goff and Co. will submit an attractive catalogue of hunters on the occasion of their annual New Year sale. Many of those to come up for sale have been hunted up to date, and are in good, hard condition.

BALDOYLE.

TO-DAY'S SELECTIONS.

There is promise of a nice afternoon's sport at Baldoyle, where, yesterday's frost notwithstanding, the ground will be found in good galloping order. The sandy nature of the soil here renders the course less liable to suffer from the vagaries of the weather than most other tracks, so that no fears need be entertained regarding the state of the going, and, granted a fine day, the meeting should prove enjoyable.

The Greenmount stable would appear to hold the key to the situation so far as concerns the New Year Steeplechase, with East Galway, Silpho and Kanowna to select from. The Maiden Hurdle Plate should provide an interesting race, in which several promising recruits to the jumping game can try conclusions, including Souvenance, who ran Lord Burdon to a short head at Leopardstown. Her stable companion, Red Leg, who was made a warm favourite for that race, and caused her backers such dismay by declining to start, can be afforded an opportunity of making amends, and, if she condescends to go off with the others, will probably score. Golden Rebel will take some beating in the Sutton Steeplechase, as will Easy Virtue in the Portmarnock Steeplechase.

Selections are appended.—

New Year Steeplechase—**The Greenmount selected.**

Strand Hurdle Plate—**Ecila** or **Green Shutter.**

Maiden Hurdle Plate—**Souvenance** or **Red Leg.**

Sutton Steeplechase—**Golden Rebel.**

Portmarnock Steeplechase—**Easy Virtue.**

1.30—NEW YEAR (AMATEUR RIDERS) STEEPLECHASE of 75 sovs., of which the second will receive 10 sovs. and the third 5 sovs. Weight for age, etc. 2 m. 1 f. and 20 yards.

Age st. lb.
KANOWNA (Lord Lascelles)............Arnott a 12 11
SILPHO (Major Holliday)..............Arnott a 12 0
FAIRY RATH (Mr. M. Ballesty)........Owner a 11 5
COLONIAL (Mr. T. D. M'Keever) ......Owner a 11 5
(The above are under orders.)
EAST GALWAY (Mr. J. S. Shepherd)
Arnott a 12 8
BLUE LOOKOUT (Mr. L. Scott)..........Perry 5 12 9
CULLENDRAGH (Mr. P. J. Leonard) Owner 6 11 9
INITIATION (Mr. T. J. Taaffe)........Owner 6 11 5
TIDDLEY BAITS (Mr. D. O'M. Leahy)
Owner 5 11 0
CAPRIZANT (Mr. R. H. Walker)....Walker 4 10 9
PRINCE OF IVEAGH (Mr. E. Kennedy)
Behan 4 10 9

2.0—STRAND HURDLE PLATE of 75 sovs., of which the second will receive 10 sovs. and the third 5 sovs. A selling handicap hurdle race. Winner to be sold for 100 sovs. 1½ m.

Age st. lb.
ECILA (Mr. D. O'M. Leahy)...... Fetherston a 12 6
DENIS ORB (9lb. ex.) (Mr. John Doyle)
Owner 5 12 0
MISS DENNES (Mr. J. F. Downey)...Kirwan 6 11 5
FIGHTING LIGHTS (Mr. H. F. Evans) Ray a 10 1
FAIRANGER (Mr. Jas. M'Guirk)......Owner a 9 11
PARK LAD (Mr. R. Collen)..............Owner a 9 7
(The above are under orders.)
BAWN-NA-GLAS (Mr. W. J. Parkinson)
Parkinson a 12 9
EXPLANATION (Mr. J. S. Shepherd) Arnott a 12 9
LUACMORE (Mr. T. P. O'Neill)...Parkinson 6 11 12
BEDDGELERT (Mr. W. J. Byrne)...Owner 6 11 0
PETIT BEAU (Capt. Maher)...........Dawson a 10 11
LADY SILVERN (Mr. A. Lowry)...Dawson 5 10 11
WILD THISTLE (Mr. H. J. Tully)......Owner a 10 10
WILD ORB Mr. J. J. Parkinson).......Owner a 10 10
CRAFTY SCOTT (Mr. A. Lowry).......Delany a 10 10
GREEN SHUTTER (Mr. J. J. Parkinson)
Owner 5 10 4
DON PAT (Mr. A. J. Smalley) ...Grundy 4 10 3
MISS MIRANDA (Mr. C. Fagan)....Rankin a 10 0
SOUTHERN PALM (Mr. J. D. Wilkinson)
Barret 6 9 13
DER TAG (Mr. E. Delany)...............Owner a 9 12
BALLYLUNDAN Mrs. M. O'Hare) M'Kenna a 9 9
CLIFDEN (Mr. J. F. Downey)..........Kirwan a 9 9

2.30—MAIDEN HURDLE RACE of 75 sovs., of which the second receives 10 sovs. and the third 5 sovs. Weight for age, etc. 1½ m.

Age st. lb.
LADY KILLOWEN (Mr. J. Coldrick) Owner 6 11 12
IMMATERIAL (Mr. J. O'Callaghan)
Fetherston 5 11 9
RED LEG (Mr. F. Rogers) ....Arnott 5 11 9
MERNAULT (Mr. J. Ryan) ....Keogh 5 11 9
SOUVENANCE (Mr. G. Beeby) ....Arnott a 11 7
BEECH DALE (Mr. E. J. Byrne) F. Clarke 6 11 7
SHANNON SCHEME (Mr. J. Doyle) Owner 4 11 0
STEERING CLEAR (Mr. F. S. Myerscough)
Grundy 4 11 0
NELL GWYNNE (Mr. J. Hunter) Owner 4 11 0
ROYAL HEROINE (Mr. H. F. Evans) Ray 4 11 0
PRINCESS PEG (Mr. J. A. Farrell) Owner 4 11 0
DOUANIER (Mr. A. J. M'Namara)
H. Harty 4 11 0
TAN GIRL (Margaret Lady Nelson) Ruttle 4 10 9
(The above are under orders.)
BRUGH (Mr. E. Delany) ....Owner a 11 12
CUBA (Margaret Lady Nelson) ...Ruttle 6 11 12
GOOSE GREEN (Mr. J. Loug) Fetherston 6 11 12
BANNIE (Mr. B. O'Donnell) ....Collins a 11 12
JURAT (Mr. A. Lowry) ....Dawson 6 11 12
MISS MIRANDA (Mr. C. Fagan) ..Rankin a 11 12
SPARSHOLT (Mr. J. T. Rogers) ...Owner 5 11 9
MOLLY LIGHTFOOT (Mr. S. Sexton) Doyle 6 11 7
SHANFORD (Mr. J. D. Wilkinson) Barret 6 11 7
BACHELOR'S DICE (Mr. A. Lowry)
Dawson 5 11 4
KILOSSORY (Mr. J. Reed) ....Coombs 5 11 4
CONNEMARA (Capt. R. B. Brassey)
H. Hartigan 4 11 0
BONNIE BABY (Mr. H. J. Tully) Owner 4 11 0
LADY JACKIE (Mr. H. I. Ussher) Owner 4 11 0
DURATOI (Mr. R. H. Walker) ....Owner 4 11 0
ROYAL MILLER (Mr. J. T. Rogers) Owner 4 11 0
STARFINCH (Mr. J. T. Clinton) Gleeson 4 10 9
THE BLACK FELLOW (Mr. M. Charles)
Barret 4 10 9
SABINEA (Mr. H. M. Hartigan) Owner 4 10 9
MERRY JANE (Mrs. P. Heffernan) Private 4 10 9
PROUD KATIE (Mr. P. Murphy) Owner 4 10 9
SLIEVE BREACK (Mr. T. J. Taaffe) Owner 4 10 9

3.0—SUTTON HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of 75 sovs., of which the second receives 10 sovs. and the third 5 sovs. 3 m.

Age st. lb.
GOLDEN REBEL (Mrs. Croft)..........Ussher a 12 7
ORBY'S BEAU (Mr. T. O'Rourke) Owner a 11 7
EASY VIRTUE (7lb. ex.) (Sir T. Ainsworth)
Arnott 5 11 7
ODD CAT (Mr. T. Ray)..................Owner a 11 3
SUNCOURT (Mr. R. H. Walker)........Owner 5 10 8
MASTER SAM (Mr. W. Barnett)......Rogers 6 10 4
RATHDRIN (Mr. M. Ballesty).........Owner a 10 2
Owner 6 10 0
(The above are under orders.)
TANGMALANGALOO (7lb. ex.) (Mr. R. G. Cleary) ....Owner 6 10 7
DRIFTING PRINCE (Mr. T Keys)....Owner a 9 10

3.30—PORTMARNOCK STEEPLECHASE of 75 sovs., of which the second receives 10 sovs. and the third 5 sovs. Weight for age, etc. 2 m. 1 f. and 70 yards.

Age st. lb.
KANOWNA (Lord Lascelles) ....Arnott a 12 7
EASY VIRTUE (Sir T. Ainsworth) Arnott 5 11 11
FIGHTING FIT (Mr. Patrick Murphy) Owner a 11 6
COUNT DRACULA (Mr. R. Richards)
Kirwan 6 11 6
GLENACLARA (Mr. A. D. Comyn)....Ussher 5 11 4
DUNBOY (Mr. D. Sullivan).........Fetherston 6 11 1
WATCH YOUR CORK (Mr. M. Ballesty)
Owner 6 11 1
RATHCANGO (Mr. M. Ballesty).......Owner 5 10 13
MARTIVE (Mrs. R. H. Walker)........Walker 4 10 4
(The above are under orders.)
TOITIVE (Mrs. R. H. Walker) ...Walker 5 11 9
BRUGH-NA-BOINNE (Mr. E. Delany) Owner a 11 6
EASTERN NOBLE (Mr. F. Rogers) Arnott 5 11 4
CORNAFULLA (Mr. A. Lowry)......Dawson 6 11 4
BACHELOR'S NEWS (Mr. P. Corcoran)
S. Byrne a 11 1
LLOYDIE (Mr. J. Laverty)............Owner 6 11 1
CULLENDRAGH (Mr. P. J. Leonard) Owner 6 11 1
COTULA (Mr. A. Lowry)...............Dawson a 11 1
STEE PIN (Mr. J. J. Parkinson)......Owner 5 10 13
FLEETING LOVE (Mr. Jas. M'Donnell)
Ussher 5 10 13
CERIGO (Mr. W. Magee)..................Owner 5 10 13

TRAIN ARRANGEMENTS.

Trains leave Amiens street at 11.40, 12.30 (special) and 1 o'clock.

ENGLISH RACING AGAIN INTERRUPTED.

HAYDOCK PARK POSTPONED.

The resumption of racing at Plumpton yesterday, after the loss of fifteen days' racing since the 15th December, was generally taken as an indication that the sport could look forward to settled continuity, until there was another serious break in the weather conditions. Unfortunately, although the thaw has been maintained in the Southern districts of Great Britain, a severe frost in Lancashire has necessitated the postponement of Wednesday's Haydock Park programme to Thursday and the abandonment of Thursday's card.

On Monday the prospects for Haydock Park were excellent, as, after a rapid thaw on Sunday, rain had cleared away all the snow. A severe frost on Monday night, however, put a different complexion on the practicability of racing, and the Stewards, after inspecting the course at noon yesterday, when it was still freezing, came to the above decision.

A further inspection of the course will take place to-day between 11.30 a.m. and 12 noon, when a decision will be taken as to Thursday's racing.

WATER ON GATWICK COURSE.

The Press Association is informed that there is some water on the racecourse at Gatwick, but it is disappearing, and the prospects for racing on Friday, when the meeting is due to begin, appear to be good.

OFFICIAL SCRATCHINGS.

GATWICK MEETING.

Caterham Selling Handicap—Corolet and Rush Common.
Moderate Handicap Hurdle—Le Daunou.
Reigate Handicap Hurdle—Knicker Bocker.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Wolsey Selling Handicap, Hurst Park—Corolet.
Selling Handicap Steeplechase, Birmingham—Orange Plume.
Birmingham engagements—Cartoon and Chosen Leaf.
Llwynarthan Challenge Cup, Tenby—Gonedry.
All engagements—Dark Ray and Linggi filly (2 yrs.).

ROLLER SKATING.

HALF-MILE CHAMPIONSHIP.

J. Weatherburn, of the Aldwych Speed Club, retained his title as British half-mile amateur champion at Holland Park Rink, London, yesterday evening by beating H. Lee (unattached) by inches in 1 min. 32 1-5 secs. J. Reed (Alexandra Palace) was third, and R. A. Symondson (Cricklewood), the 1926 champion, was fourth.

During the preliminary heats Symondson fell when crossing the line, to beat L. Stewart by inches.

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PLUMPTON MEETING.

GIBUS WINS BRIGHTON STEEPLECHASE.

1.0 — **WORTHING SELLING HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE** of 100 sovs. 2 m.

Mr. H. Beaufoy's bl. g. HONEST BOY, by Poor Boy—Wavey Belle, a. 11-8 ......M. Farragher 1
Mr. B. Fitch's PERHAPS NO, a. 11-5 ......H. Hannon 2
Mr. J. H. N. Dalton's SWANAGE, 6, 12-7 ......Mr. Thrale 3

Off 1.1. (Winner trained by A. Law.)
Betting—13 to 8 each agst. Swanage and Perhaps No, 2 to 1 HONEST BOY.
Won by a length; eight lengths.
There was no bid for the winner.

1.30—**HURSTPIERPOINT SELLING RACE** of 100 sovs. 2 m.

Mr. H. Smyth's b. g. POLYPHONIA, by Polyphonic—Maconia, 5, 11-10......T. Griffiths 1
Mr. J. H. N. Dalton's HORACE, 6, 11-9 ......M. Power 2
Mr. D. Clarke's PLAYFUL, a. 11-9 H. Hannon 3

Also ran:—Black Sheep (L. Butchers), Skysail (J. Hogan), Tregenwell (G. Duller), Spigot Lodge (F. Rees), Pommel (Mr. Shaw), Breckia (M. Doherty). Off 1.32. (Winner trained by Owner.)
Betting—Evens Skysail, 3 to 1 agst. Tregenwell, 4 to 1 POLYPHONIA, 6 to 1 Playful, 7 to 1 Spigot Lodge, 8 to 1 Horace, 10 to 1 Pommel, 100 to 8 any other.
Won by eight lengths; a head. Skysail was fourth and Breckia last.
The winner was bought in for 105 guineas.

2.0—**BRIGHTON HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE** of 100 sovs. 2 m.

Mr. H. Peel's ch. g. GIBUS, by Llangibby—Pen Dorwyd, a. 11-9 ....T. O'Sullivan 1
Mr. H. Fowler's SOULECTOR, 6, 12-2 ......T. James 2
Mr. A. Law's HUGH O'NEILL, a. 10-8 ......B. McHardy 3

Also ran:—Scotch Eagle (K. Piggott), Tabisintac (T. Chisman). Off 2.2. (Winner trained by Poole.)
Betting—13 to 8 agst. GIBUS, 2 to 1 Scotch Eagle, 3 to 1 Soulector, 5 to 1 Hugh O'Neill, 33 to 1 Tabisintac.
Won by three lengths; a length. Scotch Eagle was the only other to finish.

2.30—**FOUR-YEAR-OLD HURDLE** of 100 sovs. 2 m.

Mr. S. Savile's b. c. NORTH HARRIS, by Cygnus—Lady Maureen, 10-10...M. Doherty 1
Mr. G. S. Whitelaw's HARK BACK, 10-5 ......J. Collins 2
Mr. D. M. Gant's HAIRY, 11-8.........L. Rees 3

Also ran—Evening Sun (F. Grantham), Square Lad (J. Marshall). Off 2.31. (Winner trained by J. Beary.)
Betting.—5 to 4 agst. NORTH HARRIS, 9 to 4 Hairy, 4 to 1 Square Lad, 6 to 1 Hark Back, 8 to 1 Evening Sun.
Won by two lengths; four lengths.

3.0—**PLUMPTON STEEPLECHASE** of 100 sovs. 3 m.

Mr. H. M. Beaufoy's gr. g. GLANGESIA, by Le Souvenir—Mailline, a. 10-7..M. Farragher 1
Mr. G. Bates's MARK ANTHONY II., a. 10-7 ......L. Bryan 2

Off 3.1. (Winner trained by A. Law.)
Betting.—5 to 2 on GLANGESIA.
Won by six lengths.

3.30—**CHAILEY MAIDEN HURDLE** of 100 sovs. 2 m.

Mr. W. Walker's b. g. PINE BLUFF, by The Jackdaw—The Grange, 5, 11-3...F. Maxwell 1
Mr. G. Bates's WITTON FELL, 5, 11-2 ......Mr. Thrale 2
Mr. S. Wootton's ROCK CAKE, 5, 10-10 ......W. Crump 3

Also ran—Right Ho (W. Smyth), disq. Off 3.32. (Winner trained by A. Law.)
Betting.—7 to 4 agst. PINE BLUFF, 2 to 1 Right Ho, 9 to 4 Witton Fell, 8 to 1 Rock Cake.
Won by eight lengths; a bad third.
An objection to Right Ho, who finished first, by Maxwell, the rider of Pine Bluff, for boring was sustained and the race awarded to Pine Bluff. Rock Cake was placed third.

COURSING.

TRIM.

SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT LARACOR.

The Trim Club held their first meeting of the season yesterday, over the Laracor preserves. There was a ground frost overnight, but as the morning wore on the sun came out, and that took the bone out of the turf.

Hares came to hand slowly at the outset, but were more plentiful later, and there were excellent trials. A large area was covered and dusk was coming on when the finish took place in the Bottoms at Laracor.

The Ilex Stake was divided between Mr. Flynn's Dev and Mr. Bowles's Peggeen Aroon.

In the Trial Stakes there was a rousing trial between Stop Short and Rathrobin, but the former was hard run, and Mr. Ahern's Alert was declared the winner, Stop Short being drawn through distress.

Judge—Mr. Murphy. Slipper—M. Horan.

TRIAL STAKES—For 16 puppies. Winner, £20; second, £7; two dogs, £2 10/- each.

Mr. Travers's Tramontans beat Mr. Callan's Bersertief
Messrs. Kerrigan and Dunne's Garadice Lad beat Mr. Dillon's Badiago.
Mr. Gilsenan's Palm Nut beat Miss Niblock's Pepps.
Mr. Ahern's Alert a bye, Mr. Fitzsimons's Kanter Peter absent.
Mrs. Galway Greer's Rathrobin beat Mr. Bruton's Brown Jedder.
Mr. Dunne's Cherry Valley Lass beat Mr. O'Donoghue's Mickey Speed.
Mr. Dwyer's Stop Short beat Mr. Young's Devathabhalla.
Mrs. Clyne's Beaded Bess beat Mr. Dunne's Dolly's Dance.

II.
Garadice Lad beat Tramontans.
Alert beat Palm Nut.
Rathrobin beat Cherry Valley Lass.
Stop Short beat Beaded Bess.

III.
Alert beat Garadice Lad.
Stop Short beat Rathrobin.

IV.
Alert (Palmer—Lady Essex) was declared the winner, Stop Short (Stormont—Burngushee) being drawn through distress.

ILEX STAKES—For 6 all-ages. Winner, £11; second, £4 10/-.

Mr. Fitzsimons's Think Twice beat Mr. Horan's Bawn Boy.
Mr. Flynn's Dev. beat Messrs. Kerrigan and Dunne's Copper Alley.
Mr. Bowles's Peggeen Aroon beat Mr. Murphy's Longwood Law.

II.
Dev beat Think Twice.
Peggeen Aroon a bye.

III.
Dev. (Jedderfield—Slievenamon IV.) and Peggeen Aroon (Cheerful Speed—Flying Beauty IV.) divided.

UMBERSTOWN STAKES—For 16 all-ages. Winner, £14; second, £6; two dogs, £2 each.

Mr. Smyth's Slow Start beat Mr. Irwin's Invasion.
Mr. Colgan's Fugacious beat Mr. Byrne's Misty Ketch.
Mr. Tynan's Taplow beat Mr. Tyrrell's Trust All.
Mr. Tyrrell's Tin Lizzie beat Mrs. C. McCauley's Barnacarra.
Mr. Conlan's Coming Toes beat Miss G. Kennedy's Sean Ball.
Mr. Ahern's Autocar beat Mr. W. Murphy's Lady Woodland.
Mr. Long's Last Quid beat Miss Niblock's Biddy Shaw.
Mr. Young's Sunamoni beat Mr. Tevlin's Tilly Whim.

II.
Slow Start beat Fugacious.
Tin Lizzie beat Taplow.
Coming Toes a bye, Autocar drawn.
Sunamoni beat Last Quid.

III.
Slow Start beat Tin Lizzie.
Coming Toes beat Sunamoni.

IV.
Stakes divided.

CURRAGH TRAINING NOTES.

THE CURRAGH, Tuesday.

A frosty morning.

BEHAN'S Phare Connor, Argolis and the two-year-olds cantered in the long grass.

BRABAZON'S Dunbarry Star galloped a mile and a half steadily.

COOMBS'S Antæus, Modern Girl, Carlovia, Autumn Fire, Hazel Grove and others were usefully employed.

DAWSON'S Petit Beau cantered five furlongs; Thistle Rose, Lare, Duvellroy and others cantered.

DOYLE'S Denis Orb and Shannon Scheme cantered five furlongs.

FETHERSTONHAUGH'S Dunboy and Immaterial went six furlongs; Master Sam, Tiddley Barts, Tredecies and others were usefully employed.

GRUNDY'S Steering Clear, Don Pat and others of the team cantered.

HARTIGAN'S Curragh Tip, Dromedia, Dohora, Wondrous, Southerner and others had healthy exercise.

PERRY'S Blue Look Out, Knocklong Boy, Prince Lomond and Mistress Puri cantered.

PARKINSON'S Green Shutter, Steel Pen, Bawn-na-Glas and others cantered.

ROGERS'S Sparsholt and Royal Miller cantered six furlongs.

SELECTIONS FOR BALDOYLE TO-DAY.

New Year Steeplechase—EAST GALWAY.
Stand Hurdle Handicap—GREEN SHUTTER.
Maiden Hurdle—SPARSHOLT or SHANNON SCHEME.
Sutton Handicap Steeplechase—ORBY'S BEAU.
Portmarnock Steeplechase—DUNBOY.

GOLF.

CLUB NOTICES AND REPORTS.

MILLTOWN (Ladies' Branch)—Monthly medal, strokes, Monday, 9th January.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS G.S.—Winter outing, held (by kind permission) at Portmarnock—J. A. Ryan (16), 76; W. White (15), 76; J. G. Mathews (17), 79; W. Dillon (23), 81; P. E. Mathews (14), 81; T. A. Healy (3), 81. Four-ball (9 holes)—E. O'Nolan (14) and P. E. Mathews (14), all square; R. F. Gracey (22) and T. A. Healy (3), 2 down. Match play Cup, 1927—J. A. Ryan (16) beat W. White (15).

HERMITAGE—To-day—Wednesday Cup.

KILLINEY (Ladies' Branch)—Friday, January 6th—Box finals Draws 11 and 1.30 o'clock. Qualified:—Mrs. Meyers, Miss Byrne, Miss Ross, Miss Darling, Mrs. O'Donnell, Mrs. Moore, Mrs. O'Dwyer, Mrs. Knapp and Mrs. Walker. Mrs. Mayne's prize—1st, Mrs. Walker; 2nd, Miss Ellis. Winner of medal finals—Miss Ross, 116 (26), 90.

DUN LAOGHAIRE (KINGSTOWN).—Ladies' Branch—The following ladies have qualified for the medal finals, which will be played on January 12th. Draw from 10 to 11 a.m.:—Class I.—Mrs. Keates, Mrs. Hayes, Mrs. M'Loughlin, Mrs. Solomons, Mrs. Franklin, Miss M'Meekin, Mrs. Coe, Mrs. Triston, Mrs. Miley, Mrs. N. B. M'Cormick, Mrs. Fry, Mrs. Brown. Class II.—Miss Stapleton, Mrs. Clancy Tighe, Miss Fineberg, Mrs. Maguire, Mrs. N. C. Nolan, Mrs. Bostock, Miss Holmes Wilson, Mrs. E. Stewart, Mrs. Andrews, Mrs. Halligan, Mrs. Meade. Annual general meeting in the clubhouse on Thursday, 12th, at 3 p.m.

HUNTING.

THE MEATH HOUNDS.

Some extra time was given yesterday for those who did not get "insomnia" early after the hunt ball the previous night at Dunsany, and hounds moved off at 11.30. Lord and Lady Dunsany welcomed all as usual, and there was a large assemblage.

The earlier part of the day was very uneventful and disappointing, as Dunsany and Hill of Slane were blank, and a fox was not found until Culmullen covert was reached. Scent seemed nil, possibly owing to the number of starlings which infect it, and our objective was not accounted for. Baltrasna did not hold, and a long trek followed to Pratt's gorse, which provided a very fast thirty minutes. The bitches fairly raced over a lovely line, straight to the Ferrens-Kilcock road, which they crossed, with Captain North Bomford's house on the right, and ran down to the railway, as if to invade Kildare. At this point there were only very few with hounds, but Fitzsimons and the leaders were all pounded at the railway and had to come back a long way to get out. Hounds meantime ran on, with the railway on their right, and, having recrossed the Kilcock-Garridice road, marked on what was Mr. Arthur McCann's farm. Of the many juveniles out Mr. Ruthven (riding Tom Burke), two Messrs Leahy and Mr. Percy Blacker, etc., seemed to be all very prominent. Ferrens was drawn later, and a right-handed ring back to the covert finished a good day.

LOUTH HOUNDS.

Owing to hard frost, hounds were not able to hunt at Beaulieu on Wednesday last. As Beaulieu is close to the sea, the frost was probably not so severe there as further inland; but as the Hunt horses have not yet acquired the art of skating on frozen roads, as was suggested should be one of their accomplishments by a hunting correspondent lately, some of the Louth field may have been disappointed. A thaw set in on Friday night, but there was a good deal of snow on the ground when hounds met at Louth Hall on Saturday, 31st ult. Found at once in front of the house, but scent was very bad, and he was only hunted a few fields and lost. Lissrenny held a brace, one of which was marked to ground. The other was hunted round the demesne down to the house, where hounds caught him. Found a bob-tail in Stuhillen, who was hunted along the river by Richardstown on to Dromin, where scent failed. Nothing was done with a fox from Braganstown, which ended one of the worst scenting days of the present season.

HUNTING APPOINTMENTS.

THE WARD UNION.

January.	Meet.	Hour.
To-day	Maynooth	1.30
Saturday, 7th	Rathgate	1.30
THE MEATH.		
Thursday, 5th	Gibbstown	11.0
Saturday, 7th	Lismullen	11.0

HILLSIDE HARRIERS—Meet to-day at Old Bawn, at 2 o'clock.

COOLLATTIN HOUNDS—The Coollattin Hounds will meet at 11 o'clock Monday, January 9th, at Donistsall. Cap for Earl Haig's Fund. Thursday, 12th, Shillelagh; Monday, 16th, Carnew; Thursday, 19th, Killurin; Monday, 23rd, Kennels; Thursday, 26th, Clonegal.

WESTMEATH HOUNDS—January—Wednesday, 4th, South Hill; Saturday, 7th, Castletown Cross-roads; Monday, 9th, Sonna; Wednesday, 11th, Lisnabin; Saturday, 14th, Belmont (11.30 a.m.); Monday, 16th, Rosemount; Wednesday, 18th Multyfarnham; Friday, 20th, Killare Cross-roads; Monday, 23rd, Rathconrath; Wednesday, 25th, Turbotston; Friday, 27th, Gaybrook; Monday, 30th, Glencara. At 11 o'clock.

MR. O'HARA'S HARRIERS — January — Meet — Friday, 6th, Kilvarnet; Tuesday, 10th, Carrigans; Friday, 13th, Killoran; Tuesday, 17th, Drumfin; Friday, 20th, Carrowreilly; Tuesday, 24th, Annaghmore Gate; Friday, 27th, Claragh; Tuesday, 31st, White Gate. At 11.30 o'clock.

KILKENNY HOUNDS.—Change of Meet—Hounds will meet at Glenmore on Wednesday, January 11th, instead of at Ballyfacey Cross-roads on Tuesday, 10th, as previously announced.

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BILLIARDS.

NEWMAN V DAVIS.

Davis increased his lead over Newman during yesterday afternoon's session in their time match at Thurston's, London. He aggregated 897, as against the champion's 412. Davis's principal breaks were 102, 351, 104, and 171, and Newman's 152 and 101. Interval scores:—Davis (rec. 2,000), 3,948; Newman (in play), 1,715.

Newman retrieved his position in the evening. He played splendid billiards, and for a score of 1,021 had an excellent average of 204. Davis, who averaged 72 for 361, had breaks of 104, 132 and 124. Closing scores:—Davis (rec. 2,000), 4,309; Newman (in play), 2,736.

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LADIES' HOCKEY NOTES.

THE INTERPROVINCIAL PROGRAMME.

ANTIQUITY'S EASY WIN.

Within the next few weeks the interprovincial matches will be decided. The programme commences on Wednesday, January 18th, and will not be completed until Saturday, January 28th, matches being played on the 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st and 28th. The complete list is as follows:—

Jan. 18—Midlands v. Connaught. Dublin.
Jan. 19—Connaught v. Leinster. Dublin.
Jan. 19—Ulster v. Munster. Dublin.
Jan. 20—Midlands v. Munster. Kildare.
Jan. 20—Ulster v. Connaught. Kildare.
Jan. 21—Ulster v. Leinster. Dublin.
Jan. 28—Leinster v. Munster. Cork.

The Leinster team will not be selected until after the trial, which is to be played on Saturday next, 7th inst., the teams for which were published yesterday. The coming fortnight promises to be a busy one in ladies' hockey circles, weather permitting; for not alone have the trials to be played, but the second round of the Senior Cup and various badges must be played on or before Saturday, January 14th.

The Leinster Selection Committee have no enviable task before them, as, owing to the adverse weather conditions, the number of matches played to date is comparatively small, and few of last year's "stars" have shown their form of last season.

Owing to a number of senior players being engaged with the Leprechauns team at the Midland tournament at Birmingham some of the clubs were forced to field substitutes on Saturday, and the best match of the day, Monkstown v. Maids of the Mountain, had to be postponed.

Alexandra College had not all returned from holidays, so Old College were also without a League match. However, a club game was arranged between Maids of the Mountain and Old College, and was played at Milltown. Muckross had an easy win over High School—6-2, while their Second XI. were defeated by a similar score by Pembroke Wanderers. Trefoil beat the Optimists "B" 4-2, and Old Wesley went down to Antiquity 7-2.

Pembroke Wanderers continue to show the fine form which has been noticeable in all their matches this season, and their display against Muckross 2nd was well up to expectations. In fact, Saturday's play showed a marked improvement from their first matches, when, for instance, Muckross first string beat them 7-3. The forwards have gained more confidence, and play with more cohesion and understanding. They are all very quick on the ball, and their play in the circle is good. Of the usual line, Miss S. Starkie was an absentee on Saturday, but all the other forwards played splendidly, and made up in hard work for what might otherwise have been a serious loss to the side.

Miss C. Byrne (centre) was most prominent of the middle line, while Miss M'Hugo was the better bull-back. Muckross, in addition to playing three substitutes, were one short all through. The forward play was marred all along by individualism. Miss O'Rourke (centre half) was the best of the back division, despite the fact that an unusual amount of work devolved upon her through the absence of a right half.

Muckross had the best of matters against High School, who, however, were badly handicapped, when, early in the second half, Miss Maxwell (goal) was forced to retire with an injured knee. The scorers for Muckross were Misses A. Lowndes (3), M. Kelly (2), and Hanrahan. Misses Ingram and Lombard scored for High School.

Optimists started with only nine players against Trefoil, and were one short practically all the time. On the day's play Trefoil deserved their win, but had Optimists been at full strength a closer game would have resulted. The scorers were:—For Trefoil, Misses V. Mortell, J. Caulfield and Hartigan (2); for Optimists, Misses Harrington and Tunney.

Antiquity had an easy win by 7-2 against Old Wesley at Terenure. The first half was fairly even, the interval score being 3-2. Old Wesley were first to score, Miss Spence netting twice before Miss Alley opened the Antiquity score. Miss Eustace (3) and Mrs. Feehan added the remaining goals for Antiquity.

Play in the game between Maids and Old College was greatly hampered by the swamp-like state of the ground. Nevertheless, a keen and even match was played, which resulted in a draw (1 all). Maids were without four of their usual players, but the substitutes all acquitted themselves well. Some of the latter were very young and promising, and certainly look first-class players in the making.

WINTER SPORTS.

SLALOM RACING AT PONTRESINA

The Slalom Race for the Edward Lyttelton Challenge Cup, which is open to all members of the Public Schools' Alpine Sports Club, took place at Pontresina yesterday. The weather and the condition of the snow were perfect. The course was set by Mr. G. C. Dobbs, and was admirably adapted for the purpose, as, although it was difficult, it was of such a nature that a runner who had complete mastery of his turns could negotiate all the flags without disaster.

There were twelve pairs of flags, and twelve turns were involved, and the record time for the course was 48 3-5 secs., made by H. R. Spence. There were nine entries, and the standard of running was very high. Two runs were allowed over the course, and the Cup was won by Colin Wyatt, whose time for both runs was exactly the same, 50 4-5 secs.; H. R. Spence was second with 48 3-5 secs. and 1 min. 3-5 secs., having had bad luck in misjudging a flag in his second run.

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PEDESTRIANISM.

HALF-MILE CHAMPION WINS THE POWDERHALL SPRINT.

At Powderhall Grounds, Edinburgh, yesterday, the big sprint was won by Bernard Rowden, a clerk in the oilmining district of Broxburn.

In the closing days of the old year, when wagering began on the race, there was a surprise sprung by the confidence exhibited by Rowden's backers, and his establishment as one of the joint favourites. He had already achieved notoriety on the track, being the recognised professional champion over half a mile. He has now run in the name of J. "Paddy" Duffy. A distance runner has never before won the Powderhall Sprint. The fortunes of the handicap were never more varied, and four of the five men to reach the final went to the post each carrying a heap of money. Vallance was the most substantially-backed, and for some time after the first ties had been run he was at evens. The four in the final were within a yard, and it was a fine race. Rowden, who had a yard from James, Wardle and Vallance, held his lead until forty yards from the tape, when James closed, only to be beaten off in the last stride.

The amount of betting has not been of such volume as in some other years, the falling off being attributed to the popularity of greyhound racing. The meeting, moreover, showed a falling off in the attendance, and it is significant of the encroachments of the dogs as a public attraction that in this stronghold of the cinder path the distance racing was done on the grass, which had covered up the old cinder track. Greyhound racing had acquired the old track, and a new one for the sprint had been cut in the middle of the enclosure.

The result of the final was:—1 (£100 and gold medal), J. Duffy (Broxburn), 11½ yards; 2, R. James (Jedburgh), 10½ yards; 3, J. Vallance (Edinburgh), 10½ yards; 4, J. Wardle (Darlaston), 10½ yards; 5, W. Kane (Falkirk), 12 yards. Thirty yards from home James made his effort, but was challenged by Duffy, who passed him on the tape, to win a great race in 12¼ secs. The others were close up. Betting—6 to 4 agst. James and Duffy, 2 to 1 Wardle, 4 to 1 Vallance, 50 to 1 Kane.

RUGBY.

TO-DAY'S FIXTURES.

Lansdowne Schoolboys v. Belvedere College (S.C.T.). Lansdowne road, 3 p.m.
Carrickmacross v. Wanderers A. Carrickmacross.
Palmerston Schoolboys v. Ross College. Clonskeagh, 2.45 p.m.

TEAMS.

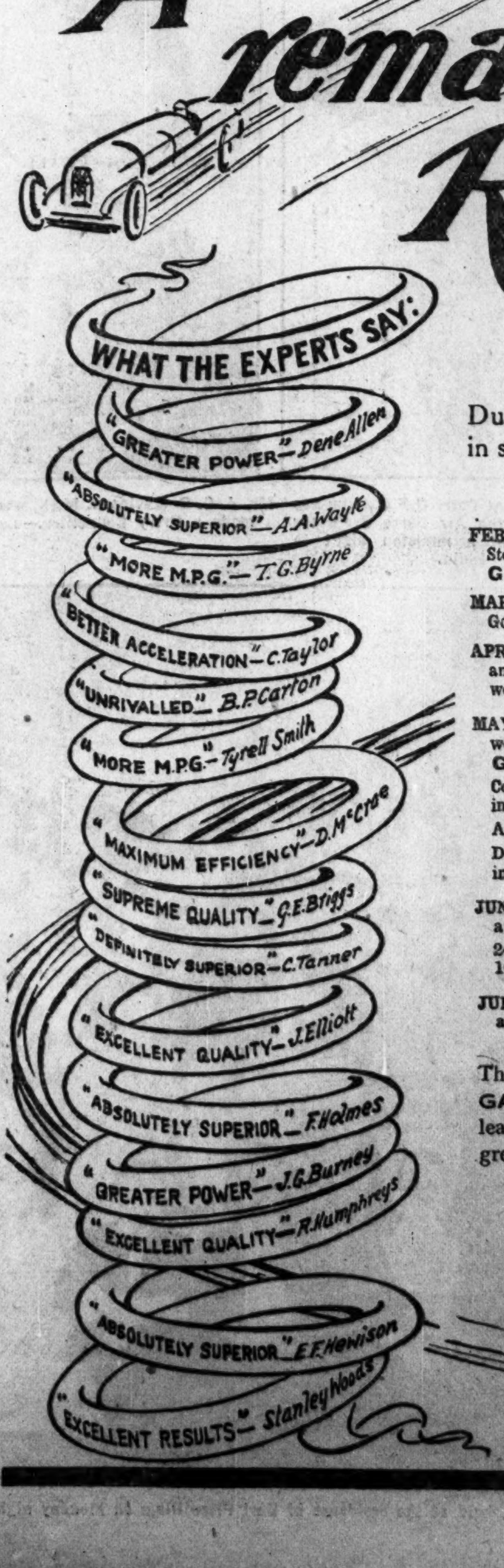
Lansdowne Schoolboys—I. Sheils; P. Manger, N. Lambert, J. D. Burney, J. F. Kent; Daly, G. Moorehead; J. Irvine, H. Good, C. Donovan, Ridgeway, Mahony, W. K. Crawford, D. Collins, W. F. Sunderland.

Palmerston Schoolboys—F. Dowds; C. Dick, W. Patterson, H. W. Love, J. R. Wall; R. E. Russell (scrum), Cahill (out); F. B. Willis, H. W. Stephenson, P. Freer, H. Adcock, W. S. Hickson, P. Murray, A. Dowds, A. Robinson. Substitute—Caulfield.

LANSDOWNE v. MONKSTOWN (SCHOOLBOYS).—Played yesterday. Result—Lansdowne 2 tries, Monkstown 1 try.

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FINANCIAL NEWS AND NOTES.

TONE AND COMMENT.

DUBLIN IRREGULAR.

GUINNESS UNDER BEST.

Business was resumed on 'Change yesterday after the usual first business day in January holiday. At the opening further strength developed in more directions than one, and notably in Guinness Ordinary Shares, which were buoyantly disposed, but at the later session profit-taking set in and part of the large earlier gain was lost. General business was by no means brisk, and local securities in many cases were idle and passed over without any dealing taking place. The curtailment of operations until the accruing settlement, covering twenty-one days, is out of the way is thought likely. The Funds, British and Local, were well supported, with a large business in War Loan 5 per cent. Stock that touched 101⅜ at one time. Irish Land Stock rose a full point, and Consols and India 3½ per cent. ⅜ each, with Conversion Loan ⅛ up at 77. Government National Loans were all busy, and the scrip of the new Loan was pretty firm. Banks were nearly all neglected, but Bank of Ireland Stock was scarce and higher. Guinness Ordinary Shares opened a further ⅝ higher at 50, and then advanced to 50½ ⅝, but at the later session profit-taking carried the price back to 50¼ ⅛ 50, the initial quotation. The Preference shaded a trifle, but Power and Son Preference were wanted and closed higher. Marconi Ordinary Shares were very active and closed nearly at best point, while adjustments in "Marines" were responsible for a 4s. 3d. rise in the market quotation compared with last marking here. Rails tended to more favourable prices, but dealing was limited. Dublin United Tram Preference did not alter. Alliance Gas and Johnston Bakery Shares were both bid for and improved. Tobaccos were the turn harder. Textiles varied. Dyers rose, but both Coats and Courtaulds closed under better initial markings. Imperial Chemicals, Dunlops and Lever Bros. Preference closed firm. E. and J. Burke Ordinary were substantially harder. Branstons, among Art Silks, were good. British Match Shares improved, and Canadian Marconi Shares rallied.

LONDON CHEERFUL.

RISE IN BRITISH FUNDS.

The London Stock Markets commenced the new year with a cheerful tone, but the volume of business transacted left much to be desired; for after the first burst of activity, due to the accumulation of week-end orders, dealings were on a modest scale in most directions. A good feature, however, was the continued demand for Gilt-edged Stocks, and further improvements were scored in this department. Foreign Government Stocks, on the other hand, were rather irregular. French Bonds reacted after their strength at the week-end, owing to the denial that a franc stabilisation plan is immediately contemplated. Home Rails opened firm, but the volume of business was not on a large scale, and prices displayed a reactionary tendency towards the close. Final levels, however, were still higher in many instances. A firm tone ruled in Colonial and Foreign Rails.

A fairly good tone was manifest in Industrials at the opening, but later on there was a slight set-back. Among Gramaphones Vocalions rose sharply at first, and after falling back rallied again, while Gramaphones were better. Triplex firmed up at first, but went off again later, while Marconis moved on similar lines. Marines and Canadians, however, were firmer inclined. Tobaccos showed little alteration, but among Textiles Courtaulds and British Celanese were easier. Iron and Steels were firmer, as were Electrical Equipments. Rubbers experienced an idle session, but a slightly firmer tone was evident. Oils were quiet, with prices generally steady, while Mines as a whole also showed little alteration.

IRISH RAILWAY TRAFFIC IN 1927.

The final traffic statements for the year 1927 were issued last night. They show the following results:—

	1927. +Inc. or −Dec. £	1926. +Inc. or −Dec. £	1925. +Inc. or −Dec. £
Gt. Southern..	+61,210	−76,036	−692,934
Gt. Northern..	−8,943	−177,892	−225,465
Co. Down....	−7,330	−61,115	−41,200

Although the returns are much more satisfactory than in December, 1926, especially in the case of the Great Southern, they are far from the point at which the companies may be said to be out of danger. The balances of the Compensation Grants, which were used to pay dividends in former years, are now almost exhausted, and there is no relief except from reduced expenditure or increased receipts. The traffic is slowly improving, but it is to reduced outlays that the directors must look if they are to meet their liabilities. There may be some considerable saving this year in the cost of fuel, which was very high in 1926 owing to the prolonged coal strike. In 1926 the Great Southern reduced expenditure by £154,900, as compared with 1925, and the directors stated that "but for the high price of foreign coal and freight the saving would have been substantially more."

AGGREGATE VALUES.

The value of the 365 representative Stock Exchange securities whose aggregate value is recorded month by month by the "Bankers' Magazine" was at December 16 last £6,811,859,000, an increase of £37,481,000, or 0.5 per cent., from the aggregate of November 18. For the year the same securities show an increase in aggregate value of £268,508,000, or 4.1 per cent. The "Bankers' Magazine" remarks that it seems not improbable that in the general rise in market value of stocks we get some explanation of the apparent increase in investing power. That is to say, if public securities are regarded for the moment as an instrument of credit and a basis of borrowing, then the margin in favour of holders of such instruments has increased greatly in recent years. Of the total appreciation for the year, £67,000,000, or about 1 per cent., occurred in high-class investment stocks, while in the variable dividend list the rise was as much as £201,000,000, or over 8 per cent.

TRAFFICS.

Metropolitan Railway—Week to December 31 £34,100, increase £1,400; to date £1,779,600, increase £93,100.

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LONDON CHANGES.

There was again a good demand in the Gilt-edged section, and further improvements were scored. Consols 2½ and 4 p.c. were ¼ and ⅛ higher respectively, while Funding Loan at 88⅞ were ½ to the good. Irish Land 2¾ p.c. gained ½ to 59, and the 3½ p.c. Conversion Loan was ⅛ better at 77⅛. Among Indias the 3 p.c. and 3½ p.c. were each ½ up, the former closing 63 and the latter 73. Local Loans stiffened to 65, or ¼ to the good.

Foreign Government Stocks were rather irregular. French Loans were easier, the Fives and Fours losing ¼ to 17½ and 13½ respectively, while Chinese 4½ p.c. 1898 at 67 were 2 points down. Czecho-Slovakia Bonds, on the other hand, went a point firmer to 110, while Egyptian Unified and Turkish Unified were ½ and ¼ better respectively. Brazil 6½ p.c. Sterling Bonds 1927 went ⅛ up to 96⅞. Portuguese Threes and Spanish Fours were quoted x.d., as were Argentine 5 p.c. 1886 and the 4 p.c. Rescissions.

RAILS FIRM.

A firm tone ruled in Home Rails, and, although prices reacted towards the close, the final levels were still higher on the day. Great Western Cons. Pref. went a point better to 110, while Midland 4 p.c. Pref. at 76 and the 4 p.c. Pref. 1923 at 74 were each ½ firmer. North-Eastern 5 p.c. Pref. Ord. at 44 were ½ better, while the 4 p.c. 1st and 2nd Prefs. were ¾ and ½ firmer respectively. Metropolitan Districts at 68½ gained ½, and Southern 5 p.c. Pref. also finished ½ better, while Underground Ord. at 21s. were 6d. above the week-end level.

In Colonial and Foreign Rails Mexican Rails provided the feature, the Ord. and 8 p.c. Pref. each rising a point to 8 and 18 respectively, while the 6 p.c. Pref. at 10 were 2 points higher. San Paulo Ord. gained a point to 193½, and Argentine Great Western at 93 were also a point up. Antofagasta Ord. and Central Argentine Deferred each finished ½ higher, as did B.A. Pacific and Western, while "Leos" and Cordoba 2nd Pref. at 61½ and 57½ were also both ½ to the good. "Canpacs" and Grand Trunks were unaltered, as were Entre Rios and United Havana.

RUBBER SHARES QUIET.

Dealings were on an extremely quiet scale in the Rubber Share section, but despite the paucity of interest a slightly firmer tendency was evident in several directions, and of the few alterations recorded the majority were unfavourable to holders. A quietly steady tone ruled in the commodity market. Spot and January sold 1s. 8d. per pound, while April to June fetched 1s. 8⅜d. per pound. London stocks of the raw material show a decline of 190 tons on the week. In the share market Anglo-Malay stiffened 6d. to 30s. 6d. x.d., while Eastern Trust at 46s. 3d. were 1s. 3d. better. General Ceylon at 48s. 9d. were also 1s. 3d. up, as were Kuala Lumpur to 86s. 3d. Malacca spurted to 63s. 9d., or 1s. 10½d. to the good, and Telogoredjo finished 1s. 3d. higher at 61s. 3d. United Serdang and Vallambrosa, on the other hand, were each the turn easier.

TEA SHARES DULL.

There was not a great deal of business passing in the Tea Share market, while an irregular tone ruled. A fair number of price movements were registered, but while in a few instances the final levels were a trifle better, the majority of alterations were against holders.

OILS STEADY.

Oil shares commenced the year in quiet fashion, business being on much the same scale as during the closing days of last week. Generally the tendency was steady, but the market lacked a lead, there being no outstanding features of interest, at any rate among the recognised leaders. Shells met with a small business around 4 15/32, and the Bearer shares remained at 4 15/32. A moderate demand sufficed to raise the price of Royal Dutch ¼ to 29⅜. Shell 7 p.c. Preferences were inquired for, and improved 3d. to 26s. 4½d. Anglo-Americans lost 1/32 at 3 13/16. Pan-American "B" advanced half-dollar to 45 dollars. Following a small business, Anglo-Persians registered a gain of 1/32 at 3 13/32, and the 9 p.c. Preferences hardened to 28s. 4½d. Burmahs touched 4 15/32, but closed without alteration at 4 7/16. Mexican Eagles were quiet, but while the Ord. left off easier at 16s. 7½d. the 7 p.c. 1st Prefs. showed a small improvement at 18s. "Vens" commanded very little attention, and showed few changes on balance. Creole Syndicates met with support, and rose ⅛ to 2 7/32, and Omniums hardened to 5s. 1½d. The British Controlled and V.O.C. issues left off without alteration. Trinidad issues generally were uninteresting, the only quotable alteration in the group being a loss of 1/32 in Apex, which closed at 2 3/32. In other directions Anglo-Egyptian "B" shares met with strong support, and rose 3/32 to 1¾. Anglo-Ecuadorians improved 1/32 to 1¼, and Lobitos, after touching 3 17/32, left off unchanged at 3½.

INDUSTRIALS MAKE A MIXED SHOWING.

The Industrial Market reopened in cheerful mood yesterday, but as the session progressed irregularity developed, with the result that price movements on balance made a mixed showing. Most of the trading was professional, and towards the close there was a disposition to even-up commitments, owing to the approach of the carry-over, which takes place on Monday next. Vocalions again attracted considerable attention on the directors' statement regarding the company's business. The rest of the Gramophone section proved uncertain. The Wireless group continued in request under the lead of Marconi Marines.

As indicated above, interest again centred around Vocalions, which eventually finished 5s. 9d. to the good at 44s. 6d. Gramophones put on ⅛ to 9⅝, and Victor Talking Machines gained ¼ at 54¼. Columbia Graphophones hardened at first to 7½, but eased later to 7 7/16, at which they closed unchanged on balance. Edison Bell came on offer and lost ⅛ at 1⅝. Artificial Silk and Textiles displayed no decided tendency. American Celanese Common hardened to 20⅜, but British Celanese Ord. receded to 4 7/16 and the Prefs. to 33s. 9d. Courtaulds opened firm at 7⅞, but eventually finished the turn easier on balance at 7 13/16. Canadian Celanese closed steady at 17s., and Harbens Pref. hardened to 23s. 3d. Snia Viscosa were dull around 42s. 6d. Buyers were in evidence for Bradford Dyers at 54s. 6d. and Bleachers at 39s. 3d., but J. and P. Coats at 66s 9d. shed a few pence. Calico Printers, Sewing Cottons and Fine Spinners were quietly steady. Fair support was given to Coal, Steel and Engineering descriptions, but Mond Nickels were sold during the afternoon and finished ⅛ down at 6 13/16. L. and N. Coal Distillation shares improved to 3 3/16 and L. and N. Brown Coal to 1⅞, with Bueli Combustions also harder at 3⅝, touching 3⅞. Babcocks were inquired for at 63s. 6d., Cammell Lairds at 7s. 6d., William Corys at 55s. 3d., Dorman Longs at 11s., Ebbw Vales at 3s 6d. and Guest Keens at 37s. 6d., and Pease and Partners at 8s. 6d. There was not a great deal doing among Electrical Equipments. The tone was steady generally, but General Electrics at 33s. 9d. and Johnson and Phillips at 51s. 6d. shed a few pence. Telegraph Constructions gave way to 23¼. Telegraph and Telephone issues moved irregularly, but good support was again noticeable for the Wireless group under the lead of Marconi Marines, which rose 5s. 6d. to 35s. Marconi Ord. put on a further 1s. to 42s. 3d., with the Pref. marked ⅛ higher at 2⅜: Canadian Marconis also moved up 1s. 9d. to 15s. Guinness were favoured, among Breweries, with an advance of 10 to 505, with Benskins marked up 9d. to 65s. 6d. On the other hand, Hoare Ord. eased slightly to 3 7/16, and Watney Defd. to 274½. Tobaccos proved uncertain. Carreras stiffened to 19, but "Imps" gave way to 101s. 6d., and Copes lost the turn at 2 13/32. Verellen Ord and Pref. were quoted ex rights at 25s. and 22s. 9d. respectively. The last-named company announces that arrangements have been concluded whereby they have secured the sole agency for the Punch Havana Cigar Factory throughout Belgium. Stores and Food supply shares were harder in places. Harrods B.A. Ord. further improved to 18s. 6d., and Swears and Wells Ord. were lifted to 35s., with the Pref. also wanted at 31s. Schweppes Defd. had buyers around 53s. 6d. Brazilian Tractions trended upwards again in anticipation of the meeting to be held in Toronto to-day. The Common gained 3 at 228, and the Pref. 3½ at 186½. Barcelona Common rose a point to 70½. Motor shares generally were firm, with buyers in evidence for Thomas Tillings at 70s., and National Omnibus Ord. at 26s. 3d. Napiers, however, eased to 66s. 3d. Of the Newspaper group, "Daily Mirrors" rose to 7, and "Daily Mail" Trust to 99s., but "Sunday Pictorials" eased to 5¼. In the Land section, Forestals strengthened to 29s., and a fair business was again transacted in Associated Anglo-Atlantics, the Ord. closing at 35s. 9d. and the Defd. at 7s. 4½d.

Cements continue active, but irregular. British Cement Products were the best feature, the Ord. further advancing to the extent of 1s. 9d. to 43s. 3d., with the Defd. marked 4½d. up to 15s 4½d. Holboroughs improved 6d. to 40s. 6d. Non-Inflammable Films continued in request at first, but reacted later, the Ord. closing at 35s. 6d., after being 37s. 6d., and the Defd. at 11s. 6d., after being up to 12s. 3d. Triplex Glass improved to 12⅜ early in the day, but fell later and closed ½ lower at 11⅞. Swedish Match "B" shares moved up further to 20¼, and Kreuger and Toll touched 46¼, closing around 46. Imperial Chemicals hardened to 32s. 3d. for the Ord., and 25s. 1½d. for the Pref. Wallpaper Defd. were a good market 9d. higher at 32s. 9d. Torbay Paints were dealt in around 4. Primitiva Gas rose 9d. to 20s. 9d. Bank shares were again inquired for, Midland improving to 9⅝, National Provincial £20 shares, £4 paid, to 13⅞, and Westminsters to 19⅜.

LATEST CLOSING AND STREET PRICES.

BRITISH FUNDS, ETC.

—	Closing.		Rise or fall.
Consols	55½	56	+¼
Do. 4%	85¾	86*	+⅛
War Loan, 3½%	100⅞	101⅛	
Do. 4½%	96	97	
Do. 5%	101⅜	101⅝	
Do. 4% (Tax Free)	100¾	101¼	
Funding Loan	88½	89	+½
Victory Bonds	94	94½	
2½% Conversion Loan	77	77¼	+⅛
4½% Conversion Loan	96½	97	
5½ Treasury Bonds	100½	101	
Irish Land 2¾%	58½	59½	+½
India 3%	62½	63½	+½
Do. 3½%	72½	73½	+½
Do. 4½%	92½	93½	
Do. 5½%	101	102	
Local Loans	64¾	65¼	+¼
Sudan 5½%	106	108	

COLONIAL GOVERNMENT STOCKS.

Australian Com. 5%	98	100	
Do. do. 6%	102	104	
British Col. 4½, 1941	94	96	
Canada 4%, 1940-60	90	92	
Cape 3½ Cons.	79	81	
Ceylon 6%	105	107	
New South Wales 4½%, 1935-45	89	91	
Do. do. 5%, 1945-65	97	99	
Do. do. 6½%, 1930-40	100	102*	
New Zealand 4%, '29	97	99	
Do. 5%, 1946	100	102	
Nigeria 6%	111	113	
Queensland 5½%, '1926-29	99	101	
Do. 6%, '30-40	100	102*	
South Africa 5% 1933-43	99	101	
Do. 6%	100	102	
South Australian 5%, 1932-42	98	100	
Do. 6½%	101	103*	
Victoria 5%, 1932-42	98	100	
Do. 5%, 1945-75	97	99	
Western Australia 5%, 1935-45	97	99	
Do. do. 6%, 1930-40	100	102	

BANKS.

Anglo-South American	7 15/16	7 15/16	+1/16
Bank of Australasia	14¼	14⅝	
Bank of England	255	259	
Bank of Montreal	67½	69½	
Bank of New South Wales	42	43*	
Do. New Zealand	2 13/16	2 15/16*	
Barclay's "A" Shares	8	8¼	
British Overseas	5½	5¾*	
Canadian of Commerce	55	57	
Chartered of India	20⅞	21⅜	
Hong Kong and Shanghai	120	123	
Lloyds	63 6	64 6	+0/3
Midland	9½	9¾	+⅛
National Discount "B"	9¼	9¾	
National Provincial (£4 pd.)	13⅝	13⅞	+1/16
Royal of Canada	68½	70½	
Standard of South Africa	14½	15	
Union of Australia	14½	15	
Westminster Bank	19¼	19½	+⅛

FOREIGN BONDS.

M.U.—Dec. 19.				
101¾	Argentine 5 p.c., 1886	99	101*	
85¼	Do. 4 p.c. Rescissions	84	86*	
94½	Do. 5 p.c., 1910	94	96	
99	Austrian 6 p.c. Guar.	99	100	
107¼	Belgian 7 p.c.	107	109	
—	Brazil 6½ p.c. S. Bds, '97	95⅞	96⅞	+⅛
92	Do. Funding, 1908	92	94*	
82¼	Do. 5 p.c. do. 1914	83	85	
88½	Chinese 5 p.c., 1896	88½	90½	
66½	Do. 4½ p.c., 1898	66	68	−2
38½	Do. 5 p.c., 1912	38	41	
108	Czecho-Slovakia Bonds	109	111	+1
84¼	Egyptian Unified	86	87	+½
16¼	French Loan	17	18	−¼
12½	Do. 4 p.c.	13	14	−¼
103¼	German 7 p.c.	103½	105½	
97¼	Greek 7 p.c.	98½	99½	
19	Italian Rentes	18	20*	
94½	Japan 4 p.c., 1905	92	95*	
97	Do. 6 p.c., 1924	97½	98½	
39	Mexican 5 p.c., '99	41	44	+2
42	Do. 6 p.c. 10-Y. Treas.	41	47	+3
14½	Peruvian Corporation	15¼	15¾	
54½	Do. Pref.	53	54*	
103	Do. Deb.	102	104	
90	Poland 7 p.c. Sterling	89¾	91¾	
38	Portuguese 3 p.c.	37½	39½*	
—	Spanish 4 p.c.	73	79*	
23⅞	Turkish Unified	23½	24½	+¼
69½	Uruguay 3½ p.c.	69	70	

BRITISH RAILS.

93	Great Western	97	98	
—	Do. Cons. Pref.	99	101	+1
73	Ldn., Mid. & Scot. Ord.	75½	76½	
—	Do. 4 p.c. Pref.	75½	76½	+½
—	Do. 5 p.c. Red. Pref.	95	98*	
—	Do. 4 p.c. Pref. 1923	73½	74½	+½
40½	Ldn. North-East. 5 p.c. Pref. Ord.	43½	44½	+½
16	Do. Def. Ord.	17¼	17¾	
—	Do. 4 p.c. 1st Pref.	70¾	71¾	+¾
—	Do. 4 p.c. 2nd Pref.	64¾	65¾	+½
64	Metropolitan	73	74	
63½	Do. District	68	69	+½
72½	Southern Pref. Ord.	73½	74½	
36	Do. Def. Ord.	37	38	
—	Do. 5 p.c. Pref.	92	94	+½
19/3	Underground Elec. (£1)	20 6	21 6	+0/6
105½	Do. Income Bonds	108½	109	+1

COLONIAL AND FOREIGN RAILS.

84½	Antofagasta	84½	86½	+½
—	Argentine G.W. Ord.	92	94	+1
—	Bahia Blanca Guar. Stk.	82	84	
108¼	Buenos Ayres Gt. Sthn.	108	110	
91¾	Buenos Ayres Pacific	92½	94½	+½
90¾	Buenos Ayres and W.	93	95	+½
—	Canadian National Guar.	65	67*	
219	Canadian Pacific	213	215	
94¾	Central Argentine	96	98	
86	Do. Def.	88	90	+½
82½	Central Uruguay	85	87	
33½	Cordoba Central	35½	37½	
88	Do. 1st Pref.	90	92	
55	Do. 2nd Pref.	56½	58½	+½
76½	Entre Rios	77½	79½	
—	Do. 6 p.c. Cum. Pref.	93½	95½	
—	Grand Trunk 4 p.c. Guar.	82	84*	
—	Do. 4 p.c. Perp. Deb.	82	84*	
—	Interntl. of Cent. Amer.	38½	40½	
57¾	Leopoldina	60½	62½	+½
—	Mexican Rails	7½	8½	+1
15	Do. 8 p.c. Pref.	17	19	+1
8	Do. 6 p.c. Pref.	9	11	+2
188½	San Paulo Ord.	192	195	+1
67	United Havana	64	66	

AMERICAN RAILS.

—	Atchison	198	200	+2
—	Chesapeake	207	209	
—	Chicago Milwaukee	19	21	+1
62½	Erie	65	67	
—	Do. 1st Pref.	63	65	
—	New York Ontario	31	33	+1
—	Pennsylvania	65	67	
149	Southern Common	151	153	+2
—	Southern Pacific	126	128	+1
198½	Union Pacific	196	198	+1

BREWERIES AND DISTILLERIES.

25/0	Allsopp £1 Shares	1 3/16	1 5/16	
65 9	Bass, Ratcliff Ord.	3¼	3⅜	
81/0	City of London Ord.	4	4⅛	
62/6	Courage Ord.	3 5/16	3 5/16	
58/9	Distillers Ord.	2 15/16	3 1/16	
465	Guinness Ord.	490	510	+10
71/6	Hoare and Co.	3 9/16	3 11/16	
73/3	Ind Coope Ord.	3½	3⅝*	−1/16
55/6	South African Breweries	2 11/16	2 13/16*	
21/0	Walker (John) Pref.	23 0	24 0	
275	Watney, Combe Def.	272	277	−1

ELECTRIC SUPPLY.

—	Bournemouth and Poole	2 29/32	3 3/32	
25/9	Charing Cross	25 3	26 3	
—	Chelsea Ord.	25 3	26 3	
30/0	City of London	29 6	30 6	
28/8	County of London	28 3	29 3	
—	Lancashire	26 0	28 0	
24 9	London Electric	24 6	25 6	
29 7½	Metropolitan	29 3	30 3	
23 0	Newcastle	1 3/32	1 7/32	
26 0	St. James's	26 0	27 0	
—	South London	24 9	25 9	
25 9	Westminster	25 3	26/3	
—	Whitehall Electric Pref.	21 1½	21 7½	

REFRESHMENTS AND FOOD.

33/0	Aerated Bread	32 0	33 0*	
41/0	Bovril Def.	43 9	44/9	−0/3
5/9	Crosse and Blackwell	5/0	6 0	
4	Home & Colonial Stores	3 15/16	4 5/16	
14 6	Lipton	14 0	15/0	
27 0	Lovell and Christmas	1¼	1½	
4 1/16	Lyons (J.)	3 15/16	4 5/16	
—	Mackintosh (J.) Pref.	15 6	16 6	−1/0
5/7½	Maypole Def.	5 9	6 0	
—	Smithfield Arg. Meat	25/32	25/32	
2½	Spratt's Patent	2⅝	2 5/16	
3⅞	Van Den Berghs	3 11/16	3 13/16	
—	Do. Pref.	5	5½	

IRON AND STEEL.

2/9	Armstrong (W. G.)	3/9	4/3	
11 0	Brown (John)	10 9	11 3	
7/3	Cammell Laird	7 3	7/9	+0/3
12 6	Cargo Fleet	13/6	14 6	
54 6	Cory (William)	54 9	55/9	+0/3
9 9	Dorman Long	10 9	11 3	+0/4½
6	Mond Nickel	6⅞	7	−¼
6 0	Pease and Partners	8 3	8/9	+0/3
38 9	South Durham Steel	39 3	40 3*	
30 0	Siemens	29/9	30 9	+0/3
4 0	United Steel	3/10½	4 4½	
11/4½	Vickers Ord.	11 9	12 3	

LAND.

39 0	Argentine Land Invest.	2	2¼	
27/6	Do. Southern Land	1 5/16	1 7/16*	
7 9	B.N.B. Land	7/0	8 0	
28/6	Forestal Land	28/10½	29/1½*	+0/6
4 9/16	Hudson's Bay Ord.	4 9/16	4 11/16*	
1 7/16	Hyderabad Deccan	1 9/16	1 11/16	
4/6	Pekin Syndicate	3 9	4 9	
4 1/16	Sudan Plantations	4	4⅛	−1/32

NEWSPAPERS.

9 5/16	Assd. Newspapers Def.	9½	9⅝	+1/16
3⅝	Allied News Ord.	3½	3⅝	−1/32
—	Amal. Press (New)	24/6	25 6	
95 0	Daily Mail Trust	97/10½	98/10½	+1/1½
8⅝	Daily Mirror Ord.	6 15/16	7 1/16	+⅛
—	Illustrated Newspapers	1⅛	1¼*	
4 13/16	Sunday Pictorial Ord.	5 5/16	5 5/16	−1/16

NITRATES.

8	Alianza	8	9	
13/0	Lagunas Nitrate	12 0	14/0	−1/0
4 5/16	Lautaro Nitrate	4¼	4⅝	+1/16
1	Liverpool Nitrate	⅞	1⅛	
26/0	New Tamarugal	26/0	27 0	+0/6
14/6	Rosario Nitrate	14 0	15 0	
22 0	Santiago Nitrate	1 1/16	1 5/16	
8/0	Tarapaca Nitrate	7/6	8 6	

OILS.

M.U.—December 19				
3⅞	Anglo-American	3 25/32	3 27/32*	−1/32
1 5/32	Anglo-Ecuadorian	1 7/32	1 9/32	+1/32
1 23/32	Anglo-Egyptian "B"	1 23/32	1 25/32	+3/32
3¼	Anglo-Persian Ord.	3⅜	3 7/16	+1/32
27/0	Do. 8 p.c. 1st Pref.	26 9	27/3	
28/3	Do. 9 p.c. 2nd Pref.	28/1½	28/7½	+0/1½
97½	Do. 5 p.c. Deb.	97½	98½	+½
2⅛	Apex Trinidad (5/- shares)	2 3/32	2 5/32	−1/32
28/3	Attock	1 5/16	1 7/16	
14/10½	British Borneo Pet. (10/-)	14/4½	14/10½	
7/6	British Burmah (8/-)	7/4½	7/10½	
4/3	British Controlled	4/10½	5/1½	
6/6	Do. Pref.	7 0	7/3	
4 7/16	Burmah	4 15/32	4 15/32	
26 9	Do. 8 p.c. Pref.	26 6	27 0	
1 10½	Caltex	1 9	2 0	
2 3/32	Creole Synd	2 5/32	2 9/32	+⅛
5 15/16	Eagle Transport Pref.	5⅞	6⅛	
10/0	Kern River (10/-)	9 9	10 3	
4½	Lago (no par value)	3⅞	3 15/16	
3½	Lobitos	3 15/32	3 17/32	
15 4½	Mexican Eagle	16 4½	16/10½	−0/1½
15/0	Do. 8 p.c. Pref.	16 0	16 6	
17 6	Do. 7 p.c. 1st Pref.	17/9	18 3	+0/1½
3/6	North Caucasian (10/-)	3 0	4 0	
5/4½	Omnium	4/10½	5/4½	+0/1½
—	Pan-American "B"	$44½	$45½	+$½
18 0	Phoenix Oil	17 9	18 3	
9 3	Do. 1/- shares	8 9	9 3	
29⅛	Royal Dutch	29¼	29½	+¼
4 15/32	Shell Transport	4 15/32	4 15/32	
9 11/16	Do. 5 p.c. Pref. (£10)	9½	10	
26 0	Do. 7 p.c. Pref.	26/1½	26/7½	+0/3
0/10½	Spies (2/-)	1/1½	1/4½	+0/1½
11/6	Steaua Romana	11/9	12/3	
8 3	Tankers Pref	7/10½	8/4½	+0/1½
4/6	Trinidad Central	3/9	4/9	
3 15/16	Trinidad Leasehold	3 31/32	4 1/32	
10/0	United Brit. Trinidad	10 0	10 3	
2/6	Ural Caspian	2 0	3 0	
3¼	V.O.C. Holdings	3 3/16	3¼	
3 5/32	Do. 7 p.c. Pref.	3 3/32	3 5/32	

RUBBERS.

2/1½	Amal. Rubber Est.	3 3	
2 7/16	Anglo-Dutch	49 4½	
6/7½	Anglo-Java	6 9	
1 9/16	Anglo-Malay	30/6*	+0/6
7 0	Bertam Cons.	7 2¼	+0/2¼
5 7½	Bukit Mertajam	5 6	
2/10½	Bukit Sembawang	3 0	
1 31/32	Grand Central	40/0	+0/6
2⅝	Highlands	52 6	
2 15/16	Java Para	61 3	
26/0	Jugra Land	26/3	
2 11/16	Kapar Para	53/9*	
4¼	Kuala Lumpur	86 3	+1 3
2 5/16	Kuala Muda	46 3	
2 5/16	Labu	46 3	
2 15/32	Linggi	50 7½	+0 4½
6/7½	London Asiatic	6 9	
3	Malacca	63 9	+1/10½
4 9	Merlimau	4 9*	
1¾	Mooply Valley	35/0	
42 3	Rubber Trust	43 0	
1⅞	Seafield (New)	36 3	
2⅛	Sendayan	43 9	
23 0	Straits Rubber	23/1½	
6 0	Sumatra Para	6 0	
2 11/16	Tandjong	55 0	
2 5/16	Tandjong Malim	42 6	
6 9	United Serdang	7 0	−0/1½
4 15/16	United Sua Betong	100 0	
19/0	Vallambrosa	19/0	−0 3

Abaco	30 0		Mendaris	34 4½	
Allagar	3 3¾		N. Hayoep	1 9*	
Anglo-Sum	81 3		N. Hummock	26 3	
Bah Lias	48/1½		Pahi (1/8p	1 9	
Baru (Java)	65 0*		P.P.K. (C'y'n)	26 3	
Batu Tiga	50 0		Pataling	30 0	
Bernam Pr'k	37 6		Pegoh	43 9	
B.N.B.R. Prf.	77½		Pilmoor	50/0	
Do Def.	152½		Ratanui	32 6	
Broome Sel	22 6*		Rim Malacca	5 0*	
Bukit Kaj'ng	47 6*		Rub. E. Joh'e.	25 7½	
Bukit Rajah	40 0		Sapong	56/10½*	
Ceyln Timb'r	5/10½		Sapumalk'de	31/10½	
Chersonese	3 6		Sedenak	40 0	
Cicely	7 6		Sembilan	67/6*	
Craigielea	2 3		Sepang Sel	22 6	
East Asiatic	3 10½		Serdang C'tl.	37/6	
Eastern Trst.	46 3	+1 3	Singap'e Para	2 1½	
F.M.S. Plant.	62 6		Soember Ajoe	3 7½	
Gadjah	8 3		Strathmore	25 0	
Gen. Ceylon	48 9	+1 3	Sumatra Con.	33 9	
Glenbervie	48 9		Sungei K'par.	6 6	
Glenshiel	21/10½		Sungei Kr.Pf.	41 3	
Golden Hope	38 9		Sungei Raya	2 1½	
Insulinde	2 9		Taiping	2 7½	
Java Amal.	45 0*		Tamiang	50 7½	
Kepitigalla	2 9		Tawar	2 4½	
Kombok	3 10½		Telogoredjo	61 3	+1 3
Kuala Sel.	7/4½*		Tempeh	2 7½	
Langkat Sum	32 7½		Timbang Del.	1/9	
Ledbury	49 4½		Toerangie	50 0	
Lendu	23 9		Yam Seng	5/1½*	
Manch'r N.B.	35 0				

SHIPPING.

23/0	Cairn Line	20/0	21 0	
—	Court Line	30/3	31 3	
—	Cunard Ord.	25 6	26 6	
18/3	Elder-Dempster 6 p.c. Pf.	17/0	18/0*	
—	Furness Withy	35 0	36/0*	
—	P. and O. Def.	245	253*	
—	Royal Mail Ord.	71	76	

TEAS.

Amal. Estates	51¼*	+⅛	Galaha Ceylon	64 6	−0/6
Assam Co.	44 9	+1/3	Imperial	61/10½	−0/1½
Assam Consol.	20/7½	−0/4½	Jotinga Valley	58 9*	+0 9
Assam Front'r	30 6	+1 0	Jhanzie	5⅝*	−1/16
Bog'want'lawa	80 0		Jokai	5½	
Borelli	6 3/32		Jorehaut	5⅛	
Brahmapootra	42		Kanan Devan	51¼*	
Brit. Indian	90 0*		Lanka	50 0	
Budla Beta	6⅝	−⅛	Lebong	88 1½*	
Ceylon Plant.	6¼		Lungla	28 4½	−0/1½
Ceylon Prop.	66/7½*		Makum	52 6*	+0 4½
Chargola	25/6*		Mosbund	56 3	
Chubwa	5⅝*		Nedeem	74 4½*	
Chulsa	78 9*	−0/1½	New Dimbula	7	
Con. Tea & L	39*	−1/0	Nuwara Eliya	6⅛	+1/16
Darjeeling Co.	55 7½*	+1/1½	Ouvah	73 9	
Do. Consol.	70 0*	−0/9	Peacock & Nil.	4 6¾	−0 0¾
Deundi	31/9	−0/7½	Pabbojan	7 5/16	
Dima	7 15/16		Pundaloya	85 0	
Dimbula Val.	73 0		Rosehaugh Cey	48 9	
Doom	89 6*		Scottish Assam	51 3	
Doom Dooma	91/3*		Scot. T. & Ln.	61 9	
E. Assam	94/9		Singlo	77 0	−1/1½
East Produce	5¼	−3/32	Travancore	90 6	
Empire	60/7½*		Up. Assam	67 0	

TEXTILES AND STORES.

4/6	Amalgamated Cotton	4/4½	4/10½	
36/6	Bleachers	38/9	39 9	+0/3
48/0	Bradford Dyers	54 6	55 0	+0/6
16 0	Branston Ord.	16 9	17 3	+0/3
8/0	Do. Def. (fully paid)	17/32	19/32	
4⅛	British Celanese Ord.	4 13/32	4 15/32	−1/16
32/6	Do. Pref.	33 6	34 0	−0/6
28/3	Calico Printers	26 3	27 3	
12½	Canadian Celanese	15⅝	16⅛	
64 6	Coats	66/3	67 3	−0/6
7 11/16	Courtaulds	7 25/32	7 27/32	−1/32
48/0	English Sewing Cotton	2 7/16	2 9/16	
48/6	Fine Spinners	50/9	51 9	
—	Linen Thread Ord.	1½	1 9/16	
31/6	Lister Ord.	31 9	32 9	
34 6	Nuera Silk	1¼	1 13/16	
24/0	Do. Def.	26 3	27 3	
39 6	Snia Viscosa	42/0	43 0	−0/6

TELEGRAPHS.

24½	Anglo-American Def.	23¼	24¼	
35/0	Marconi Wireless Ord.	41 9	42 9	+1/0
2	Do. Pref.	2 5/16	2 7/16	+⅛
—	Do. Debs.	105½	106½	
29 9	Do. Marine	34 6	35 6	+3/6
10 0	Do. Canada	14 9	15 3	+1/9
—	Oriental Telephone	2 7/16	2 9/16	
19	Radio Corporation	18½	19	
11¼	Do. Pref. ($50)	10 15/16	11 1/16	

MISCELLANEOUS INDUSTRIALS.

25/9	African and East. Trade	25/6	26 6	
19 0	Amal. Dental Pref. Ord.	18/6	19 6	
3¾	Anglo-Argentine 1st Pref.	3 11/16	3 15/16	
1	Associated Cement	21/0	21/6	+0/3
23 0	Borax Con. Def.	1 5/16	1 7/16	
227	Brazilian Traction	227	229	+3
45 6	British Aluminium	47/0	48 0	+0/6
32/1½	British Match	32 0	32 6	
39/6	British Portland Cement	39 0	40 0	−0/3
12/0	B.S.A.	11/9	12 3	
28/3	British Oil and Cake	1 15/32	1 17/32	
143	Brit. Col. Elec. Rail. Pf.	147	150	
104/6	British-American Tobacco	105/3	105 9	
—	Bryant and May Pref.	2⅝	[illegible]	
19	Carreras	18⅞	19⅛*	+⅛
7 0	Chemical & Metal. (2/-)	6 10½	7 1½	−0/1½
7⅝	Columbia Graphs.	7 13/32	7 15/32	
—	Crittal's Manufacturing	54 9	55 9	+0/3
32/6	Dunlop Rubber	33/10½	34/1½	−0/1½
—	Do. 6 p.c. Debs.	104	106*	
24/9	Do. "C" Prefs.	1 5/16	1 9/16*	
—	English Electric	9/0	9/6	
—	Finlay (James)	4½	4¾*	
33/6	General Electric Ord.	33 3	34 3	−0/3
9⅛	Gramophone Ord.	9 9/16	9 11/16	+⅛
60/0	Harrods Stores	70 0	71 0	
16 0	Harrods (B.A.)	18 3	18 9	+0/1½
5 1/16	Henley's Telegraph	5 1/16	5 5/16	
102/3	Imperial Tobacco Ord.	101/3	101/9	−0/6
38 9	Do. Canada	37/6	38 0*	
25/6	Imp. Chem. Indus. Pref.	24/10½	25 4½	+0/1½
31/10½	Do. Ord.	32/3	32 6	+0/3
9/10½	Do. Def.	9 9	10 0	
51 3	Johnson & Phillips	51/0	52 0	−0/3
44⅛	Kreuger and Toll	45⅝	46⅛	+¼
21 3	Lever 7 p.c. Pref.	20/7½	21/1½*	
—	Lever 5 p.c. Debs.	96	98	
—	London Irish Trust Stk.	97	102*	
—	Margarine Un. Ord. (f.p.)	31/6	32/6	
—	Do. 7 p.c. Cum. Pref.	20/6	21 6	
26	Mexican Trams	31	33	+1
78½	Do. L. and P. Bonds	79	82	−⅛
37/6	Parent Trust Def.	1½	1¾*	
22/6	Platt Bros. Ord.	1 3/32	1 5/32	
—	Prov.Cine. 7½ p.c. Pf. Ord	19/0	20 0*	
33 0	Reckitt Ord.	88/3	89 3	+0/3
18/9	Rolls Royce	32 0	33 0	
—	Roneo	1 5/16	1 7/16	
1 15/16	Salt Union	1 15/16	2 1/16	
102½	San Paulo Tram Deb.	100	105*	
89	Shawinigan Water Debs.	92	95*	
19½	Swedish Match "B"	20 7/16	20 9/16	+¼
—	Taylor's Service	34/6	35/6	
—	Tilling Ord.	69/6	70/6	+1/3
—	Triplex Glass	11½	12	−½
—	United Molasses	56 3	57 3†	
—	U.C. Storage "A" Pref.	1 11/32	1 15/32	
—	Victor Talking Machine	53¾	54¾	+¼
25/9	Vine Products Ord. 5/- Sh.	27 3	28 3	+0/3
47 6	Vocalion Gram.	44/3	44/9	+3/9
29 9	Wallpaper Def.	32/6	33 0	+0/9

*Ex div. †Ex rights. ‡Cum. div. §Ex bonus.

RUBBER CROPS FOR DECEMBER.

Yam Seng, 27,683 (54,562); 9 months, 383,346 (505,783).
(Crops for December, 1926, in parentheses.)

BRITISH REVENUE.

RECEIPTS.

	Estimates for 1927-28. £	April 1, 1927, to Dec. 31, 1927. £
Customs	112,120,000	84,403,000
Excise	145,760,000	106,551,000
Motor Vehicle Duties	24,100,000	8,864,000
Estate, etc., Duties	67,800,000	54,740,000
Stamps	25,500,000	17,790,000
Land Tax, etc.	800,000	140,000
Income Tax	247,000,000	97,250,000
Super Tax	62,000,000	19,470,000
Excess Profits Duty	3,000,000	—
Corporation Profits Tax	2,700,000	1,280,000
Post Office	62,000,000	46,300,000
Crown Lands	1,050,000	880,000
Interest on Loans	23,500,000	17,479,487
Miscellaneous— Ordinary Receipts	30,500,000	16,673,640
Special Receipts	27,000,000	20,793,185
Total	834,830,000	492,614,312

EXPENDITURE.

	Estimates for 1927-28. £	April 1, 1927, to Dec. 31, 1927. £
National Debt Services	370,000,000	323,721,310
Road Fund	19,500,000	6,657,048
Payments to Local Taxation	14,300,000	8,981,773
Payments to Northern Ireland	5,400,000	3,143,810
Other Consolidated Fund Services	3,700,000	2,822,238
Supply Services	420,490,000	297,539,528
Total	833,390,000	642,865,701

LONDON MINING MARKET FAIRLY BRIGHT.

KAFFIRS STILL REMAIN UNCERTAIN.

Cheerfulness marked the reopening of the Stock Exchange yesterday, and the first day of the new year witnessed a considerable expansion of business in several departments, and this notwithstanding the fact that a holiday feeling prevailed. The Mining Market was, perhaps, less favoured than others, but, even so, bright spots were observable, and the tone generally was firm. Kaffirs remained somewhat uncertain, but the Cape was less perturbed, and some buying orders from that centre created a good impression. The demand was not on a large scale, but as floating supplies were in some cases limited, prices went ahead. The counters principally affected were Brakpan, City Deep, Crown Mines, Springs Mines, Consolidated Main Reef, and Modder East. The Finance descriptions generally kept steady, Central Mining, "Johnnies," Anglo-American and "Generals" closing without alteration. Geduld were on offer and Mozambique were sold from the Continent, while several of the low-priced shares fell away. T.C.L. were dullish, but the other Platinum issues were hardly mentioned. In the Rhodesian department, Chartered again came to the front, and a good demand, which was partly on Paris account, lifted the price smartly. Tanks and Zams were not so prominent, but both finished firm at the previous levels. Cam and Motor came into request and moved up, but Sherwood Starr receded, and Gaika, on profit-taking, experienced a sharp set-back. Rhodesian and General Asbestos received support, and there was some nibbling at the Northern issues on rumours of a possible amalgamation. Although no details were forthcoming, it was stated in usually well-informed quarters that the rumours are not entirely without foundation. Share values, however, were not quotably altered. There was a disposition at one time to lock up the leading Diamond shares on the news that the order of the Union Government for a reduction of alluvial production would be complied with. The inquiry for the shares proved short-lived, and, apart from a modest recovery in Consolidated Diamonds, the few changes recorded were against holders. The monthly tin statistics show an increase of 816 tons in the visible supplies at 15,610 tons, and as the price of the metal dropped £2 5s. to £263 12s. 6d. per ton, the share market exhibited a rather irregular appearance. Leading Eastern descriptions were not greatly affected, but there was a little offering of Kramat Pulai, and Malayan were again a trifle easier on profit-taking and the announcement of a reduced profit for December. Tronoh, on the other hand, were a good market on the interim report issued by the chairman. Pahang also appreciated, and London Tin, Tin Selection and Tavoy all went ahead. Of the Coppers, Rio Tintos, partly on Paris support, rose sharply, and Messina were a good market on the latest return, the output for December being 520 tons. Elsewhere Burma were a harder market and National Mining strengthened, but Santa Gertrudis receded. Closing prices:—

SOUTH AFRICAN.

M.U. Dec. 19.			
23 0	Afric. & Eur.	21 3-22 3	−1 3
21 0	Aml.Mg.Tst.	21 0-21 6	
1 27/32	Anglo-A Cp.	1 13/16-1⅞	
27 0	Anglo-Fr'ch.	27 3-27 9	
4 17/32	Brakpan	4½-4 9/16	+1/32
18⅛	Cent. Mining	18⅛-18⅝	
0 3	Central West	0/3-0 6	
1 5/32	City Deep	1 5/32-1 7/32	+1/32
2 15/32	Con. Goldflds	2 7/32-2 9/32	−1/32
22 3	Cons. M. Reef	22 0-22 6	+0 3
18 9	Con. M. Sel.	18 3-18 9	
3 15/32	Crown Mines	3½-3 9/16	+1/32
17/32	Durban Deep	11 0-11 6	
16/7½	E.Rand Prop	16/6-17 0	
4¼	Geduld	4 5/32-4 7/32	−1/32
5 0	Gelden Deep	4/6-5 0	−0 3
1⅞	Gen. Mining	1 25/32-1 27/32	
5/16	Glynn's L'bg	¼-⅜	
2 1/16	Govt. M. (5/)	2 1/32-2 3/32	
1 0	HendiesPlat.	1 0-1 6	
3 4½	Hendersons	3 3-3 6	−0/1½
47 0	JohanInvsts.	46 6-47 6	
4/6	Kleinfontein	4 3-4 9	
13 0	Knight's	12 6-13 0	
22 0	LanglaagteE	21 6-22 0	
2 9	Lydenb'g Plt	2 3-3 3	
1 3/16	Meyer&Char	25/32-27/32	
6 5/16	Modderfontn	5 15/16-6	
27 3	Modder B.	27 3-27 9	
2 1/16	Modder Deep	2 1/32-2 5/32	
1⅝	Modder East	1 25/32-1 27/32	+1/32
1⅞	New S.Areas	1 27/32-1 29/32	
6 6	Nigel	4 9-5 9	−0 6
11 9	Nourse	10 6-11 0	
4 7½	Oceana Con.	4 7½-4 10½	
4 0	Poitgeit'rust.	4 0-4 6	
3 13/32	Rand Mines	3 7/16-3½	+1/32
11 9	Randfontein	11/0-11 6	−0 3
1 7/32	RobinDeep B	1⅛-1 3/16	
8 9	Rose Deep	8 3-8/9	
3 9	Simmer & J.	3 7½-10½	
1½	S.A.G. Trust	1 15/32-1 17/32	
15 6	S.A. Towns	15 6-16 0	
3 7/16	Springs	3 7/16-3½	+1/32
16 0	Sth.-W. Af.	15 3-16 3	
3¾	Sub Nigel	3⅝-3 11/16	
3⅞	Trans.Del.B	3½-3¾	
2¼	Trans.Con.L	2⅛-2¼	−1/16
10 3	Trans.Devel.	9 9-10 3	
3⅝	Union Corp.	3 9/16-3⅝	−1/32
⅞	Van Ryn	15/9-16 9	
2 11/16	Do. Deep	2 21/32-2 25/32	
2 5/32	Vereeniging	2 1/16-2⅛	
4 0	Village Deep	3 6-4 0	
12 9	West R. Con	12/1½-12 7½	
26/3	West Springs	25 6-26 0	
6 9	Wit. Deep	4 9-5 9	

RHODESIAN.

M.U. Dec. 19.			
8/4½	BechuanaEx	8 6-9 0	
8 0	Beira T.Sites	7 6-8 6	
4 0	B. M'Kubwa	4 3-4 6	
2⅝	Cam& Motor	2⅝-2 11/16	+1/32
25 6	Char. B.S.A.	26 4½-26 7½	+0/7½
2/9	Falcon	2 9-3 3	
13 0	GaikaGold	15/3-16 3	−1/3
14 0	Globe & Phx	14/3-14 9	
9 0	Gold F. Rho.	9 0-9 3	
1 1/32	Lonely Reef	1 1/16-1 5/16	
1¼	Rezendo	1 5/16-1 7/16	
5/1½	R.Broken H.	5/4½-5 7½	
1½	R.CongoBor.	1 5/16-1 7/16	
8 7½	Selukwe (2/6)	7 10½-8 1½	
16 3	Shamva	15/9-16 9	
1 1/32	Sherw'd Star	1 1/32-1 5/32	−1/32
1½	S. Rhd. Mtls.	1 5/16-1 7/16	−1/16
3 9/32	Tangan. Con	3 17/32-3 19/32	
3 3/32	Vic.FallsOrd	3 3/16-3 5/16	
32 9	Do. Pref.	33 0-34 0	
23/3	Wankie Col.	23 0-24 0*	
7/6	Willoughby	7 3-7 9	
2¾	Zamb. Expl.	2 13/16-2⅞	

DIAMOND.

1 1/16	Angola Dia.	1 5/16-1 7/16	
19 3	Cn.D.S.W.A	18/3-18 9	+0 3
13¼	DeBeersDef.	12 13/16-12 15/16	
13	Do. Pref	12⅞-13	
3	Jagersf'tein	2⅞-3	−1/16
10 3	N. Val. River	9 9-10 9	
6¼	Premier Pref	5⅞-6⅛*	
13/0	WestAfrican	12 6-13 6	

AUSTRALIAN.

8 9	Amal. Zinc	[illegible]	
0 10½	Associated	10½-1 1½	
23 9	B. Hill Prop.	23 0-24 0	
2¼	Do. South	2 5/16-2 7/16	
1 7/16	Elec.Zinc Pf.	1 7/16-1 9/16	
4 9/32	Nth. Bn. Hill	4 5/16-4 7/16	
13 3	SulphideOrd.	13 3-14 3	
14 3	Sth.Kalgurli	14/3-15 3	
1 5/32	Star Emld.	5/16-7/16	
1 31/32	ZincOrd.(10)	2-2 1/16	
3 11/16	Do. Pref.	3 11/16-3 15/16	

COPPER.

11 0	Arizona (5/)	10 3-11 3	
12 3	Messina	12 7½-12 10½	+0 3
27 3	Mount Lyell	25/6-26 6*	
14 3	Mt. Morgan	13/6-14 6	
1⅛	Namaqua	1-1⅛	
43	RioTinto £5	43¾-44	+⅝

RUSSIAN.

4/0	Lena Gold	5 0-5 3	
3 0	Russo-Asiatic	3 0-3 3	

TIN.

M.U. Dec. 19.			
9 9	Anglo-C.(10/)	9 3-10 3	
3 11/16	Aramayo	3⅝-3¾	
28 3	BauchiOrd	27/6-28 6	
35/6	Do. Pref	34 0-35/0	
12 9	Bisichi	12 3-12 9	
20 0	EasternTr'st	19/6-20 6	
2 3	Fabulosa	1/10½-2/1½	
2 19/32	Gopeng	2½-2 7/8	
2 9/32	Ipoh	2¼-2 5/16	
26 0	Kaduna Synd	24 9-25 9	
20 7½	Kamunting	20 3-20 9	
2 7½	Karre	2/7½-2/10½	+0 1½
5/10½	Kent Cons(5/)	5/9-6/0	
1⅞	Kram't Pulai	1 23/32-1 25/32	−1/32
31 6	MalayanT.D	28/9-29 3	−0 3
14 0	Mongu	13 9-14 3	
1 15/16	Naraguta	1 11/16-1 15/16	
14 0	Pahang(5/)	14 0-14/6	+0/3
22 0	Rambutan	1 1/16-1 5/16*	
6 3	Rayfield (10/)	6/0-6 6	
22 0	Do.P.Pref.	1 1/16-1⅛	
2	Renong	2⅛-2 5/16	
11 9	Ropp (4/)	11 3-11 9	
27 9	Siamese	25/9-26 3	
3 0	Sth. Bukeru	2/9-3 9	
17 0	Tavoy (4/)	18 3-18 9	+0 3
7/16	TinProps.(2/)	5/16-7/16	
30 3	Tin Selec. Tst	32 0-33 0	+1 0
19 9	Tronoh (5/)	20 0-20 6	+0 6

WEST AFRICAN.

33 9	Ashanti	34 9-35 3	+1 0
10/6	Fanti Cons.	10/0-10 6	

MISCELLANEOUS.

3 9	BarrierTrust	3/7½-4 1½	
14 1½	Burma Corp.	14 1½-4½	+0 1½
13 3	Champ. Reef	13 0-14 0	
1 5/16	Chos.Synd.A	⅞-1	
12 0	ColombianP.	⅝-⅞	
1 1/16	HuronianBlt	1-1⅛	
3 0	KeeleySilver	2 10½-3 1½	
1 1/32	Kirkland L.	6/6-7/6	
7/16	MexicoMin's	1 5/16-1 15/32	
2 7/16	Min.Sepa'l'n	2 9/16-2 11/16	
16 0	Min.Crp.Can	16 0-16 6	
18 3	Mysore (10/)	18 3-19 3	
7/32	Nat. Min.(8/)	4 6-4 9	+0 1½
13 6	Nundydroog	13 0-14/0	
13 6	Ooregum	15 0-16 0	
10 0	St.J.DelRey	10/0-11 0	
28 0	San Fr'isco	28 9-29/3	
17 0	Santa Gert	16 6-17/0	−0/1½
3 1½	Vipond	3/1½-3/4½	+0 3
21 9	Waihi Gold	21 3-22 3	

*Ex Dividend. †Ex Rights.

DUBLIN BUSINESS DONE.

FUNDS AND BANK STOCK, RAILS, TOBACCOS AND DYERS ALL BETTER. MARCONIS ACTIVE AND HIGHER.

Government National 5 p.c. Sterling rose ¼ to 98⅜, but the 5 p.c. Second National Loan, fully paid, fell ¼ to 98¼, while the Stock transferable by deed repeated 98½, the £30 paid scrip ⅝ prem., and Compensation 5 p.c. Stock 97. Land Bonds 4½ p.c. rose ¼ to 91½.

British Funds were good. Consols rose ⅜ to 55 7/16, while War Loan 5 p.c. repeated 101 5/16, after dealing at 101¼ to 101⅜. Conversion 3½ p.c. improved ½ to 77, Irish Land 3 p.c. 1 to 63⅝, and India 3½ p.c. ⅜ to 72⅜.

Dublin Corporation 5 p.c. Stock repeated 95.

In Banks Bank of Ireland Stock rose 1 to 276, while Nationals repeated 20⅞ and Royals 12.

Breweries and Distilleries were mostly strongly disposed. Guinness Ord. opened ⅝ higher at 50, and 50½ ⅝ followed, while at the later session 50¼ ⅛ 50 were quoted, a rise of ⅛ on the day; but the Pref. for a broken lot fell 1/16 to 11 11/16. J. Power and Son Pref. rose 9d. to 14s. 6d.

Marconi Shares continue actively in favour. The Ord. rose 9d. to 41s. 3d., after dealing at 41s. 6d., 41s. 3d., 41s. 4½d., 41s. 6d., and ditto "Marines" were marked up to adjust with London 4s. 3d. to 34s. 3d., while Canadians quoted 14s. 3d., 14s. 1½d., 14s. 6d.

Rails were firm generally. Great Northern repeated 35½ and the Debs. 67, while the Guaranteed turned buyers at 53, the previous marking. Great Southern Ord. rose ⅛ to 18¼, but the Pref. fell ¼ to 40⅜, and the Debs. repeated 59½.

In Trams Dublin United Pref. repeated 6⅛. Alliance Gas Shares rose 1/16 to 9⅜.

In Bakery Shares Johnston Ord. were 3d. higher at 54s. 6d. for a broken lot.

Among Manufacturing Shares Barry Ostlere were bid up 3d. to 70s. 3d., but did not offer. Bradford Dyers improved 6d. to 54s., but Coats fell 3d. to 67s., after opening at 67s. 4½d., and Courtaulds 3d. to 156s. 3d., after initial dealing at 156s. 7½d. Imperial Tobaccos rose 1½d. to 102s., 102s. 1½d., and British-American 3d. to 106s. Dunlop Rubber Ord. were unaltered at 33s. 10½d. Imperial Chemical Ord. hardened 1½d. to 32s. 4½d., and the Deferred repeated 10s. Lever Bros. 7 p.c. Pref. were firm at 20s. 9d., while the 8 p.c. Pref. rose 1½d. to 20s. 10½d. for small lots. Vickers remain at 12s.

In Trading, etc., Burke Ord. rose 5s. to 45s. and *Irish Times* Pref. 6d. to 76s. 9d.

Other business done included Branston Art Silk, which rose 6d. to 17s. 6d., and British Match Ord. 6d. to 32s. 6d. Crittall Manufacturing Shares realised 55s. 6d.

National War Bonds 5 p.c. 1928 2nd Series quoted 104 15/16, ditto 3rd Series 106⅜, and ditto by deed 106 3/16.

OFFICIAL QUOTATIONS:

National Loan..(98¼)	98⅜	G.N. Ord......(35½)	35½
Second do.......(98½)	98¼	Do. Guar.	53b
Do. do. Deed.(98½)	98¼	Do. Deb........(67)	67
Do. (£30 paid) (⅝ pm.)	⅝ pm.	G.S. Ord.......(18⅛)	18¼
Compens. Stock..(97)	97	Do. Pref.......(41)	40⅜
Land Bonds...(91¼)	91½	Do. Deb.......(59½)	59½
Consols......(55 1/16)	55 7/16	Dub. Tram Pf.(6⅛)	*6⅛
5% War Ln.(101 5/16)	101¼ ⅜ 5/16	Alliance Gas.....(9¼)	9⅜
War Bonds 1928......	104 15/16	Johnston Ord. (54/3)	*54/6
Do. (Series 3)......	106⅜	Barry Ostlere	70/3b
Do. do. Deed......	106 3/16	Dyers......(53/6)	54/-
Conver. Loan...(76½)	77	Coats...(67/3)	67/4½ 7/-
3% Land......(62¾)	63⅝	Courtaulds (156/6)	156/7½ 6/3
India 3½%.....(72)	*72⅜	Branston Ord.	17/3
Dublin 5%......(95)	95c	B.A.T.......(105/9)	106/-
Bank Stock...(275)	276c	Imp. Tob....(102/-)	102/- 2/1½
National.......(20⅞)	20⅞	British Match	32/6
Royal.........(12)	*12	Crittall Ord.	55/6
Guinness..(49⅞)	50 5⅛ ⅝ ⅛ ¼ 50	Chem. Ord..(32/3)	32/4½
Do. Pref...(11¾)	*11 11/16	Do. Def.......(10/-)	10/-
Power Pref.(13/9)	14/6	Dunlops.(33/10½)	33/10½
Marconi.(40/6)	41/6 *1/3 1/4½ 1/6 1/3	Lever 7%...(20/9)	*20/9
Do. Marine..(30/-)	34/3	Do. 8% (20/9)	*20/10½
Do. Canada..14/3	14/1½ 14/6	Vickers.......(12/-)	12/-
		Burke Ord......(40/-)	45/-
		Irish Times 5½% (76/3)	76/9

* Odd lot, a asked, b bid, c cash.
(Last business done given in parentheses.)

IRISH BANKS' RATE.

Irish Banks' Rate	5½%
Loans on Government Stocks transferred	4½%
Deposits under £500	2%
Deposits of £500 and over	2½%

The rates in the foregoing table, which are those at present in force, are subject to variation.

STOCK EXCHANGE SETTLEMENTS.

Contango	Jan. 9*	Jan. 23
Mining ticket	Jan. 10	Jan. 24
General ticket	Jan. 11	Jan. 25
Account day	Jan. 12	Jan. 26

*21-day account.

BELFAST.

Belfast Exchange was firm. War Loan changed hands at 101¼, 101⅜ and 101½; 2½ p.c. Consols at 55⅝, and 5 p.c. National War Bonds September 1928 at 106¼. In Corporation stocks, Belfast Water 5 p.c. repeated previous price, 99½; Belfast Corporation 3½ p.c. 1940 brought 76½, and Belfast New 5 p.c. was done at 99⅜. In Bank shares, Westminsters Partly-paid brought 19¼, and Union of Australia at 14½ and Northern Bank "B" at 58s. 9d.; for the "A" shares 6 is asked. In Industrials, a transaction in Leahy, Kelly Ordinary at 7⅛ on Friday last was recorded. York Street Flax Spinning Co. 7 p.c. Pref. brought 11s. 6d., and J. and P. Coats 67s. 6d. and 67s. 4½d.; British-American Tobacco Ord. changed hands at 105s. 6d., and Dunlop Plantations at 6d. premium.

DEALINGS IN LONDON MARKET.

The following dealings among active stocks and shares were "marked" in London yesterday:—

Consols—55⅞, ¾, 13/16, 11/16, ⅝, 15/16, *11/16, 9/16, ½. **5 p.c. War Loan**—101¼, 5/16, 9/32, 11/32, ⅜, 5/16, 7/16, *7/16, *⅜, *1½d. **4 p.c. War Loan**—100⅞, 25/32, 15/16, 15/16, ¾, 1. **Funding Loan**—88⅞, 11/16, ¾, 13/16, 9, 1/16, ⅝, ½, ⅜, 13/16, *9/16. **Conversion Loan 3½ p.c.**—77 5/16, 5/32, 7/32, ¼, ⅛, 3/16, ⅜, 1/16, 3/32, *6/16, 3/16, *7 11/16. **4 p.c. Consols** (x.d.)—86, ⅛, 1/16, ¼, ⅝, 15/16. **Australia 5 p.c. Stock**—98⅝, ⅞, ¾, 9, ⅛. **Aerated Bread** (x.d.)—33/-, 2/3 4½d., 6d., 7½d., *1/9, 2/9, 10½d., 6d. **African and Eastern**—26/3, *5/7½, *9d., 9d., 6/-, 11½d. **Allied Newspapers Ord.**—71/10½, 3d., 2/6, 2¼d., 70/3¾, 70/7½. **Amalgamated Press**—25/9, 11½d., 6d., 5/-, 3d. **Anglo-Dutch Rubber**—49/-, 7½d., 9d. **Associated Cement**—21/-, 11½d., 3d., 20/10½. **Associated Newspapers Def.**—9⅝, 9/16, 17/32, 19/32, ½. **Bovril Def.**—45/-, 4/3, 6d., 4/-, 4½d., *3/6, 4/7½, 9d. **Bradley (Chepstow)**—55/6, 6/-. **Brazilian Traction**—226¼, ½, 7, ¼, *¼, 7¾, 6. **British American Tobacco**—105/3, 6d., 10½d., 7½d., 6/-, 5/-, *6d., 9d., 1½d., 4½d. **British Celanese**—90/7½, 89/4½, 8¼d., 8/1½, *6/10½, *8/5¼, 90/-, 1/3. **British Match Ord.**—32/4½, 2/-, 3d., 6d., 1½d., 5¼d., *3d. **British Oil and Cake**—29/9, 7½d., 30/-. **Buenos Ayres Great Southern**—*108, 9, 8⅝, ½, ⅞, ¾. **Calico Printers**—26/6, 10½d. **Canadian Pacific**—*215, 14, 13½, ¾, 14¼, ⅛. **Carreras** (x.d.)—18⅞. **Central Argentine Cons.**—97, ¼, 6¾, ⅞, ⅝, 7⅜, ⅛. **Coats**—67/7½, 9d., 6d., 7/-, 4½d., 3d., 6/6, *7/9, 6/9. **Cook (St. Paul's) Ord.**—18/4½. **Courtaulds**—7 13/16, 27/32, 53-64, ⅞, 29/32. **Crosse and Blackwell**—5/6, 7½d., 3d., 9d. **Cunard Ord.**—26/-, 1½d., 4½d., *6/-, 6d., 3d. **Cunard Debentures**—98½, ⅜, ¾, 9¼. **"Daily Mail" Trust**—98/3, 7/6, 9d., 8/6, 1½d., 9/3, 9/-, 8/-, 4½d., *7/-, 9d. **"Daily Mirror" Ord.**—7, 1/32, 6 15/16, 31/32, 7 3-64, 1/16, ⅛, *7, *1/16, *6 15/16. **Dunlop Ord.**—34/-, 3d., 2¼d., 3/10½, 9¾d., 11¼d., 4/0¾. **Dunlop "C" Pref.**—24/3, 7½d., 5/-. **Dunlop 6 p.c. Debs.** (x.d.)—103, *2, ¼. **Dunlop Plantations**—10/6, 5¼d., 6¾d., 4½d., 7½d., *4½d. **East Asiatic Rubber**—3/9. **Elder-Dempster 6 p.c. Pref.** (x.d.)—17/6. **English Sewing Cotton**—49/3. **Fine Cotton Spinners**—51/-, 4½d., 50/9. **General Electric Ord.**—34/-, 3/6, 9d., 3d. **General Electric Debs.**—107½, ¾, 8¼. **German 7 p.c. External Loan**—104⅝, 5/16, ¼, ½, 15/16, ⅞, ¾, 5¼. **Grand Central Rubber**—40/-, 9/9, 10½d., 40/1½. **Great Western Rail**—98⅜, ⅞, ½, ⅞, ¾, ¾, 9/16, 8¼. **Great Western 5 p.c. Pref.**—99¼, ¾, 100. **Greek 7 p.c. Refugee**—99, ⅜, ⅞, ½, 3/16. **Grout Ord.**—52/6, 9d., 3/1½. **Guinness Ord.**—496, 5, 9, 7, 2. **Harland and Wolff Pref.** (x.d.)—16/6, 3d., 2¼d. **Harrods Ordinary**—70/9, 4½d., 3d., 6d. **Hudson's Bay Ordinary** (x.d.)—93/9, 1½d., *9d., 2/6, 1/10½, 3d., 2/1½d. **Hungarian 7½ per cent., 1924**—102⅝, ⅜, ⅞, 3⅛. **Imperial Chemical Ord.**—32/4½, 6d., 3d., 2/-, *2/-, *3d., 5¼d., *1½d., *5¼d., 1/10½, 2/3¾; **do. Def.**—9/9¾, 11¼d., 7½d., 9d., 10/0¾, 11½d. **Imperial Tobacco**—101/10½, 9d., 1½d., 6d., 3d., 4½d., 7½d., 1/-, 2/1½, *1/-. **Inveresk Paper**—86/10½. **Lever 7 p.c. Pref.** (x.d.)—21/0¾, *1/-, 20/11¼, 10½d., 9¾d., 6d., 1/1½. **Lipton Ord.**—14/9, 3d., 15/-. **Lister Ord.**—32/7½, 11½d., 6d., 6¾d., 3/-, 2/2¼, 2/-, 9d., 11½d. **London Asiatic Rubber**—6/10½, 11¼d., 9d., 7½d. **London, Midland and Scottish Ord.**—76⅝, ¼, *¼, 11/16, ½, ⅜, 6, ⅛, 7/16, 5¾, 6 5/16. **London and N.E. Pref. Ord.**—44, ⅛, 3¾, ⅝, ⅞, ½, *½, *⅝; **do. Def. Ord.**—17 11/16, 9/16, ⅝, ¾, ½, *½. **Lyons (J.) and Co. Ord.**—81/10½, 3d., 2 6, 80/9. **Malayalam Rubber**—45/-, 6d., 4/9. **Marconi Ord.**—41/9, 7½d., 3d., 2/-, 3d., 7½d., 1½d., 1/-, 2/6, *3d., *6d., 1/8¼, 4½d., ½, *9d., *1/9, *3d., *6d.; **do. Pref.**—46/3, 7/6, 6/6, 9/4½, *7/-, 8/6; **do. Marine**—34/6, 3d., 5/6, 3d., 4/9, 4½d., 5/-, 6/9; **do. Canada**—14/3, 9d., 4½d., 6d., 7½d., 10½d., 3¾d., 16/-, 15/-, 11½d. **Margarine Union Ord.**—32/6, 1/9, *9d., 6d., *6d. **Maypole Def.**—5/11¼, 9d., 6/-. **Metropolitan Rail**—74, ⅝, ¼, ½, ⅛, ⅞, 5½, 3⅝, ⅞, ½, 2¾, 3, 4¾, 2⅝, 3, ⅜. **Metropolitan District**—68, ¼, ⅛, ¾, ½. **Parent Ord.**—21/10½; **do. Def.** (x.d.)—32/6, 3/6. **Peruvian Corp. Pref.** (x.d.)—53½, ⅛, 7/16, ⅜, 1/16, ¼, 3. **Phillips (Godfrey) Ord.**—44/9, 5/7½, 6/-. **Prov. Cinema Theatres** (x.d.)—19/7½, 3d., 9d., 6d. **Rubber Trust**—*42/7½, *6d., 9d., 3/-, 1½d., 3d., 2/10½, 9d. **Selfridge Trust**—55/3. **Smithfield and Argentine**—14/9, 15/-, 11½d. **Southern Rail Pref. Ord.**—74, ⅛, ¼, ⅜; **do. Def. Ord.**—37½, ⅝, 9/16, 7/16, ⅜, ¼, *⅜. **Sudan Plantations**—82/6, 1/6, 10½d., 3d., 80/7½, 1/9. **Sunday Pictorial Ord.**—5¼, 7/32, 5/16, 3/16, 9/32, ⅜, 17-64. **Swedish Match "B"**—20⅝, 9/16, ½, 7/16, ⅜, ¾, 17/32. **Underground Income Bonds**—108, ⅜, ¼, ¾, ½, 7⅞, ¾, 8⅛, 7, 9, 8⅝, ⅞, 7¾. **Union Cold Storage 6 p.c. Pref.**—20/1½, *1½d., 19/9. **United Dairies**—32/-, 1½d., 1/10½, 1/9, 7½d., 9¾d., 2/3. **United of Havana Rail**—64, ¾, 5, ½. **United Premier Oil and Cake Ord.**—9/3. **United Serdang Rubber**—7/-, 1½d. **United Tobacco** (x.d. and b.)—95/-, 4/1½. **Vickers**—11/9, 10½d., 11¼d., 9¾d., *7½d., 12/-, 1½d., 12/0¾. **Vine Products**—27/9, 10½d., 7½d., 6d., *8/-, 1½d., 7/5¼, 8/-. **Watney Combe Def.**—274, 5, ½, 6. **Westminster Bank**—19⅝, 5/16, ¼, £19 6/-, 19 7/16. **Workman Clark Debs.**—11, 10.

(*Exceptional bargain at special price.)

INSURANCE SHARES.

BUSINESS DONE IN LONDON:—Alliance, 18¼; do. New, 19 7/16, 9/16, ⅜; Caledonian Insurance, 16⅞, 15/16; £16 19/-, £16 18/6; Commercial Union, 26⅝, ½, 7/16, ⅞, 9/16; Eagle Star, 10; Employers' Liability, 72/-, 3/1½, 3d.; General Accident, 81 7/32, 9/16; Guardian, 9⅜; do. Eastern, 7/-, 8/-, 7/5¼; London-Lancashire, 26⅝, £26 16/6, 27, 6¾; London Assurance, 11½; North British, 30, ¼, ⅜; Northern Assurance, 14½; Prudential A, 22 13/16, ⅞, 11/16; Royal Exchange (x.r.), 7⅛, 1/16, 3/16, 7, £7 4/3; do. New, 7/6, 8/9, 6/-, 3d., 10/-, 7/10½, 7½d., 6/10½, 8/-, 6/6 prem.; Royal Insurance, 37⅛, ⅜, 7, 5/16; Scottish Union, 14⅛; Sea Insurance, 66/-; Sun Life (x.d.), 45⅛, ½, ¼; Trade Indemnity, 12⅛; Yorkshire, 11½.

BUSINESS DONE IN LIVERPOOL—Caledonian, £16 17/3, 6d., 18/6, 17/-; Commercial Union, 26½, 9/16, Eagle Star, 10; Employers' Liability, 73/-; General Accident, 8½; Liverpool, London and Globe 4 p.c. Thames and Mersey, 78; London and Lancashire, 26 13/16, ¾, 13/16; London Assurance, 232/-; Northern Assurance, 14⅝; Phœnix 4 p.c. Deb. Stock, 78½; Royal Exchange (x.r.), 7 3/16; Royal Insurance, 37¼.

TIN OUTPUTS.

Lahat Mines—Output for December, 27½ tons. Southern Perak Dredging, Ltd.—55¼ tons. Sungei Besi Mines, Ltd., 53 tons. Malayan Tin Dredging, Ltd.—119 tons. Ipoh Tin Dredging, Ltd. (No. 1 dredge)—28¼ tons; No. 2 dredge, 31¼ tons.

DUBLIN SHIPPING REPORT.

Barometer at 5 p.m.—30.

Coastwise Arrivals—Ss. Lady Louth, from Liverpool, with passengers and goods; ss. Brier, from Heysham, with passengers and goods; ss. Slieve Donard, ss. Slievemore, from Holyhead, with goods; ss. Lady Wicklow, from Manchester, with goods; ss. Clareisland, from Liverpool with empties; m/s Matilda, from Ballinacurra with malt; ss. St. Fintan, from Partington, with coals; ss. St. Mungo, from Actongrange, with coals; ss. Cornelian, from Ayr, with coals; ss. Elmfield, from Garston, with coals; ss. Erindring (of Denmark), from Belfast, to load scrap iron.

THE MONEY MARKET.

PLETHORA OF LOANS.

Easy conditions again prevailed in the Short Loan market, although calls on new issues amounting to about £3,000,000 had to be paid yesterday. On the other hand, there were no loans falling due at the bank. Credit was in abundant supply, overnight advances being offered down to 2½ p.c., while old day-to-day loans were renewed at 3 to 3½ p.c., and weekly fixtures at 3½ p.c.

Bank Rate Discount (changed April 21 1927), 4½%				
60 days (fine)	4¼%			
3 months	4 5/16%	Trade	4½	5%
4 "	4 5/16%	"	4¾	5%
6 " 4¼	4 5/16%	"	5	5½%
Loans to Brokers Day-to-day	3%			
" for a Week	3½%			
Deposit Allowance: Banks at Call	2½%			
" Discount Houses at Call	2½%			
" at Notice	2¾%			

Bills were again in good demand owing to the plethora of money, and there were buyers of fine commercial bills of all dates at a shade under 4 5/16 p.c. Short bills were wanted at 4 5/16 p.c., and the banks were buyers of February and March Treasuries at 4¼ and 4 5/16 p.c., respectively. This week's bills were bid for at 4¼ down to 4 3/16 p.c.

The Bank of England announced the purchase of bar gold valued at £438,000 and the export of 32,000 sovereigns to Spain. Of the £609,000 of bar gold available in the open market about £145,000 was divided between India and the home and Continental trades, £438,000 was secured by the Bank of England, a small balance remaining for subsequent disposal. Silver declined further, both the spot and forward prices being marked down 1/16d. to 26⅜d. and 26 5/16d. per ounce, respectively. China sold, but the Indian bazaars supported at the lower level, the market closing steady. Gold fell ⅜d. to 84s. 10½d. per fine ounce.

A decline of nearly ⅛ in the American exchange brought the quotation to 4.88⅛, while Montreal was also easier at under 4.89. There was some depreciation in the currencies of Belgium, Italy, Holland, Norway and Greece, but German marks and Swiss francs were a little better. Spanish pesetas showed little further change. Uruguayan dollars were a little lower.

—	Jan. 3 Closing Rates		Jan. 2 Closing Rates		Par Rate
Amsterdam	12.08⅝	12.08¾	12.08⅛	12.08¼	12.10
B. Ayres	47 15/16	47 27/32	47 15/16	47 27/32	47⅝d.
Barcelona	28.35	28.37	28.47	28.49	25.22½
Berlin	20.45½	20.46	20.45½	20.46½	20.43
Brussels	34.90½	34.91	34.90	34.90½	35.00
Calcutta	1/6 3/32	1/6⅛	1/6 3/32	1/6⅛	2/0
Copenhagen	18.20½	18.21	18.20	18.21	18.159
Geneva	25.27¾	25.28¼	25.28½	25.29	25.22½
Greece	368	369	366	367	25.22½
Helsingfors	193¾	194	193¾	194	193.23
Italy	92 5/16	92⅜	92.30	92.35	25.22½
Kobe (p.yn.)	1/11 11/32	1/11 11/16	1/11	1/11 11/32	24.58d.
Montreal	4.88⅞	4.89	4.88 15/16	4.89 1/16	4.86⅔
Montevideo	50⅝d.	51⅛d.	50¾d.	51¼d.	51d.
New York	4.88 5/32	4.88 5/32	4.88 5/16	4.88¼	4.86⅔
Oslo	18.33	18.35	18.33	18.34	18.159
Paris	123.95	124.05	123.95	124.05	25.22½
Prague	164⅝	164⅞	164⅝	164⅞	24.02
Rio de Jan.	5⅞	5 29/32	5⅞	5 29/32	27d.
Shanghai	2 7	2/7⅝	2 7	2/7⅝	—
Singapore	2/4	2/4 3/16	2/4	2/4 7/32	2/4
Stockholm	18.10¾	18.11¼	18.10½	18.11½	18.16
Vienna	34.53	34.56	34.53	34.56	34.58½
Warsaw	43¼	43¾	43¼	43¾	25.22½

FINANCIAL PARAGRAPHS.

RECORD YEAR FOR ISSUES SINCE 1920.

The Midland Bank's adjusted statistics of new capital issues are now available for December, and show a total of £26,562,000, which is a record since 1919, while for the whole of 1927 the total is £314,714,000, which is the highest since the inflation year 1920. The following table compares the past nine years:—

	Month of December. £	Year to December 31. £
1919	46,779,000	237,541,000
1920	8,463,000	384,211,000
1921	19,353,000	215,795,000
1922	7,537,000	235,669,000
1923	1,695,000	203,760,000
1924	26,067,000	223,546,000
1925	24,402,000	219,897,000
1926	20,163,000	253,266,000
1927	26,362,000	314,714,000

These statistics, it should be noted, exclude all direct borrowings by the British Government for national purposes, shares issued to vendors, allotments arising from the capitalisation of reserve funds and undivided profits, issues for conversion or redemption of securities previously held in the United Kingdom, short-dated bills sold in anticipation of long-term borrowings, and loans by municipal and county authorities, except in cases where there is a specified limit to the total subscription. In all cases the figures are based upon the prices of issue. In the monthly totals of 1927 the £26,066,000 of December was exceeded by October with £36,958,000 and by May with £34,836,000.

The geographical distribution of new capital issues in the last three years is shown in the following table (000's omitted):—

	United Kingdom.	India and Ceylon.	Other British Possessions.	Foreign countries.
1925...	132,099	3,426	53,978	30,394
1926...	140,862	2,061	49,949	60,394
1927...	176,043	1,363	86,381	50,927

"INTERNATIONAL" BUYS "STAR" TEA.

It is officially stated that a provisional agreement has been entered into between the International Tea Company's Stores, Limited, and the Star Tea Company, Limited, providing, subject to ratification by not less than 80 per cent. of the holders of the Deferred Shares, for the purchase by the International Tea Company's Stores, Limited, of the Deferred Shares of the Star Tea Company, Limited, at 18s. 6d. per share. The agreement further provides for the right to be given to shareholders to reinvest the proceeds of this sale of shares in the forthcoming offer for sale of Ordinary Shares of the International Tea Company's Stores, Limited, and that full particulars, together with the necessary form for ratification, will be posted to all shareholders forthwith. The issued capital of Star Tea is £925,000 in £500,000 7 p.c. Preferences of £1 each, £400,000 in 10 p.c. Preferred-Ordinary of £1 each, and 500,000 Deferred-Ordinary of 1s. each. The capital of the International Tea Company is £1,950,000 in 1st Preference, "A" Preference and Ordinary.

DIVIDENDS AND REPORTS.

CENTRAL BAHIA RAILWAY TRUST.—Dividends for the half-year on "A" Certificates at £4 per cent. per annum and on "B" Certificates at £1 10/- per cent. per annum, both less tax.

"DAILY MAIL" TRUST.—The total received during the year from dividends and interest on investments of the "Daily Mail" Trust, Limited, amounted to £409,148. After income tax and other payments there was a net balance of £306,127. The balance of £24,433 brought forward last year made a total of £330,561. (Last year, £276,247.) The directors have declared a cash dividend of 3/- per share, absorbing £302,175 (Last year's dividend was 2/6 per share, absorbing £251,831. Since last report the Ordinary Shares have been raised to 10/- per share paid up instead of 7/6.)

NEWBIGGEN COLLIERY.—Directors are unable to recommend any dividend on Pref. Shares.

NEW CENTURY PICTURES.—Further dividend of 10 per cent., less tax, making 15 per cent. (Same.)

RIO DE JANEIRO FLOUR MILLS AND GRANARIES.—Final dividend of 1/9 per share, and further, a bonus of 1/- per share, both free of tax. (Same.)

UNION BANK OF AUSTRALIA.—Interim dividend on the paid-up capital (exclusive of the new shares issued on the 31st October last) at rate of 15 per cent. per annum, amounting to 7/6 per share, free of United Kingdom tax. (Same.)

UNION BANK OF MANCHESTER.—Final dividend at rate of 4/- per share, less tax, for the half-year ended 31st December, 1927, making 18 per cent. for the year. (Last year 5/- per share.) The whole of the shares of the bank are the property of Barclay's Bank.

WATERFALL SELANGOR RUBBER.—Final dividend of 5 per cent., making 10 per cent. for year. (Last year dividend was 22½ per cent.)

IRISH RAILWAY TRAFFICS.

FIGURES FOR THE YEAR.

	Last Week. +Inc. or −Dec. £	Total 52 Weeks. +Inc. or −Dec. £
Gt. Southern...	49,174−2,942	4,247,244+61,210
Gt. Northern...	24,600+ 707	1,613,050− 8,943
Co. Down	2,577+ 84	186,429− 7,330

NOTE—The Co. Down loss is entirely from passenger traffic, which was £9,379 down on 1926, but merchandise increased £2,049, reducing the net decrease to £7,330.

PROVINCIAL EXCHANGES.

BIRMINGHAM.—Movements well balanced. Humbers and Standards better. Dennis and Guys hardened. Rovers easier. Rileys weakened, 9/9. Dunlops improved slightly. Austins, 29/4½; ditto Preferred, 12/3; Bluemels, 58/-; Components, 8/6; S.T.D., 6/3; Enfields, 25/9; Guys, 29/3; Humbers, 23/9; Lucas, 87/6; Dennis, 9¼; Napiers, 67/6; Rolls, 32/6; Rovers, 7/6; Singers, 62/6; Standards, 16/-; Triumphs, 23/-; Dunlops, 34/-; Parent Deferred, 33/6.

MANCHESTER.—Textiles firm. Advance in Dyers and Sewing Cottons. Bleachers, 38/3-38/9; Calicos, 26/6-27/-; Dyers, 54/-54/6; Cottons, 50/-51/-; Spinners, 50/6-51/-; "Slubbers," 8/-8/6; Coats, 66/6-67/6; Velvets, 23/-23/6; Courtaulds, 7¾-7⅞; Dunlops, 34/-34/6; Amalgamated Cottons, 4/6-4/9; Hoyles, 19/9-20/-; Nuera Silk, 35/3; ditto Deferred, 26/6; Celanese, 87/6; ditto Preference, 33/6.

JAMES J. SCANNELL'S AUCTIONS.

TO-DAY (WEDNESDAY), JANUARY 4, AT 4 BACHELOR'S WALK.

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TO BE SOLD BY PUBLIC AUCTION at our Property Salerooms, 17 MERRION ROW, on MONDAY, 16th JANUARY, 1928, at one o'clock sharp. To be sold by sub-lease for term of 920 years from 25th March next, subject to yearly rent of £10. ACCOMMODATION consists of wide entrance hall, large drawingroom and diningroom, ladies' pantry and w.c. on hall floor; bathroom with bath and lavatory basin in return; 3 family bedrooms upstairs, and in basement kitchen, scullery, larders, pantries, breakfast room and maid's room, outside w.c., gardens front and rear, side entrance. Conditions of sale and orders to view can be had from the Auctioneers, or from Messrs. WM. FRY and SON, Solicitors, 14 Lower Mount street.

JAMES ADAM & SONS,

Auctioneers, House Property, Estate Agents, 17 MERRION ROW & 19 STEPHEN'S GREEN.

SAORSTAT EIREANN.
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE—IN BANKRUPTCY.
In the Matter of

LAURENCE BYRNE, a Bankrupt.

TO BE SOLD BY PUBLIC AUCTION, at THE COURTHOUSE, WICKLOW, on Tuesday, the 10th day of January, 1928, at the hour of Two o'clock noon, ALL THE ESTATE AND INTEREST of the said Laurence Byrne, his Assignee and Mortgagees of, in and to the Licensed premises situate in

MAIN STREET, WICKLOW,

being ALL THAT Licensed house and premises situate in the Main street, in the Town of Wicklow, Barony of Arklow and County of Wicklow, and measuring in front to said Main street 52 feet 3 inches, and from front to rear on the east side 124 feet, and on the west 110 feet, bounded on the north by the Main street in the said Town of Wicklow, on the south by Back lane, now known as Fitzwilliam road; on the east by premises in possession of Vendor, and on the west by premises held by the representatives of the late James Hayden in Fee-simple, free from all incumbrances.

The biddings taken by the Auctioneer will be submitted to the Court, at the Law Courts, The Castle, Dublin, on Friday, the 13th day of January, 1928, when, if approved of, the Purchaser will be declared.

A Statement of Title and Conditions of Sale are lodged in the office of the Court, and may be seen also in the office of the undernamed Solicitors, having carriage of the Sale, and at the office of the undermentioned Auctioneer.

Dated this 9th day of December, 1927.
W. H. BOYD, Chief Registrar.

DESCRIPTIVE PARTICULARS.

The premises will be sold as a going concern, with the shop fittings and fixtures, but the stock-in-trade will be sold separately. The Purchaser will be entitled to take over same at a valuation to be fixed by the Auctioneer, whose decision shall be final.

No Auctioneer's Fees will be charged to Purchasers.

Proposals for purchase by Private Contract will be received by the Auctioneer up to the hour of Twelve o'clock noon, on the 10th day of January, 1928. If an offer be made which can be recommended by the Vendors, it will be submitted to the Court for approval without further notice.

For further information apply to A. G. HOLLINSHEAD, Official Assignee, Bankruptcy Buildings, Law Courts, The Castle, Dublin; FULLERTON and DOYLE, Solicitors for Laurence Byrne, having Carriage of the Sale, 32 Nassau street, Dublin, where may be seen Statement of Title and Conditions of Sale.

EDWIN HAMMOND, Auctioneer, CARNEW, CO. WICKLOW.

GRAZING SEASON, 1928.

The following Lands are now available for Letting for the forthcoming season:—

Turnings, Straffan	200 Acres.
Dun Laoghaire	7 Acres.
Maynooth, Kildare	30 Acres.
Hamwood, Dunboyne	120 Acres.
St. Doulough's Park, Raheny	90 Acres.
Punchestown, Naas	254 Acres.
Mulrooney, Maynooth	100 Acres.
Green Hills, Tallaght	76 Acres.
Foxrock	7 Acres.

Particulars from

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TO-MORROW (THURSDAY), 11 O'CLOCK.
Medium size Black Springer Heifer, time up to calve. Will be offered for Sale at 12 o'clock.

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TASSAGGART AND COLLEGE, SAGGART, CO. DUBLIN—Letting of 350 Acres Land, in following divisions:—

	A.	R.	P.
The Lawn	38	2	23
Paddy Locks	33	2	17
Reilly's Meadows	33	2	21
Bullock Division	17	3	20
Upper Garter	19	0	30
Goose Leas	14	1	3
Devany's Field	11	2	0
Kilbey's Division	7	2	19
The Croft	4	1	16
The Slades	35	0	0
Five Acres	5	0	21
Shed and Back Fields	12	3	13
Sheep and Dung Fields	11	0	24
Lower Garter	17	2	37
Naas Road Division	36	1	17
Coldwater Commons	28	2	22
Fair Green Division	9	3	29
Bob's Field	6	3	32
Herd's Paddock	3	3	18

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CONTRACTS.

WICKLOW COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH AND PUBLIC ASSISTANCE.

NOTICE TO BUILDING CONTRACTORS.

Tenders are invited from competent Builders for the Erection of proposed New Convent at the County Home, Rathdrum, for the Wicklow County Board of Health and Public Assistance, in accordance with Plans and Specification prepared by Messrs. Jones and Kelly, MM.R.I.A.I., Architects, 17 South Frederick street, Dublin.

Plans and Specification may be had on application to the Architects.

Tenders shall be delivered at the Secretary's Office, County Home, Rathdrum, on or before 12 o'clock noon on MONDAY, 23rd JANUARY, 1928, in sealed envelopes, endorsed "Tender for proposed New Convent at County Home, Rathdrum," accompanied by a Priced Bill of Quantities in a separate sealed and endorsed cover.

The lowest or any Tender will not necessarily be accepted.

The Builder whose Tender is accepted will be required to enter into a regular Contract with the Wicklow County Board of Health.

By Order,
P. W. SHEEHAN, Secretary.
Board of Health Offices, Rathdrum,
December 31st, 1927. K.A.A.

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Size 24 ins. x 24 ins. Regular price per dozen, 27/6. Sale Price, dozen 23/6

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Pursuant to an Order of the High Court of Justice, Saorstat Eireann,
Made in the Matter of the Estate of
DANIEL MURPHY, Deceased,
NATIONAL LAND BANK, LIMITED, Plaintiffs;
HANNA MURPHY, Defendant.

The creditors of Daniel Murphy, deceased, late of Ballyvolane, County Cork, who died in or about the month of October, 1924, are, on or before the 25th day of January, 1928, to send by post, prepaid, to Mr. William Murphy, of 19 Eustace street, Dublin, the Solicitor for defendant, the Executrix of the deceased, the full particulars of their claims, and the nature of the securities (if any) held by them; and all persons claiming to be incumbrancers affecting the freehold registered land or other real estate of the said Daniel Murphy, deceased, are to enter and prove their claims at the Central Office, Law Courts, Dublin Castle, Dublin, on or before the said 25th day of January, 1928, or in default thereof they will be peremptorily excluded from the benefit of the said Order.

Every creditor or claimant holding any security is to produce the same to the Examiner, at his office, Law Courts, Dublin Castle, on the 1st day of February, 1928, at 11 of the clock in the forenoon, being the time appointed for adjudicating on the claims.

Dated this 22nd day of December, 1927.
JOHN HEALY, Assistant Examiner.

STATUTORY NOTICE TO CREDITORS.
In the Goods of
RAYMOND WALTER AQUILLA SMITH, late of 25 Merrion square, Dublin, Barrister-at-Law.

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the Statute 22 and 23 Vic. Cap. 35, that all persons claiming to be creditors, or otherwise to have any claim or demand against the assets of the said Raymond Walter Aquilla Smith, who died on the 16th March, 1927, are hereby required, on or before the 10th February, 1928, to furnish (in writing) the particulars of such claims or demands to the undersigned Solicitors for the Executors of said deceased, to whom Probate was granted forth of the Principal Probate Registry of the High Court of Justice, Saorstat Eireann, on the 20th day of June, 1927, and in default thereof the said Executors will proceed to distribute the assets of said deceased, having regard only to claims of which notice and particulars shall have been given as above required.

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